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Taking Note

A spring in our step

CHANGE HAPPENS fast and furiously in the month of May. April's tentative spring turns to a more sure thing. On campus, we send the seniors out into the world, the biggest change in their lives since they arrived here four years ago. At home, we mow new grass and smell summer.

I love change. I embrace it, often to the bewilderment of those I love. Twice, when things were going just fine for our family of four plus one dog, I have inexplicably carried home another pooch to shake things up. Twice I have moved our household, even though each time we were living in a perfectly adequate home. I sought, as much as anything else, a change of scenery.

When you are drawn to the new and different, it's good to marry someone who isn't. My husband deliberates over decisions, moves cautiously with plans. Together, we form some kind of working balance — I push him, he slows me. That's a good thing, because change lives among us now, invited or not. The tops of our kids' heads reach past our shoulders, almost to eye level. Their days as young teens feel like a roller-coaster, leaving us to alternately apply the brakes and urge them to enjoy the ride.

For role models, we should look to our dogs. They thrive on routine, certainly. They wake at the same hour each day, wait for me to make coffee, head for the door as I gather their leashes. They know when the kids are due home from school and that their dinner should be dished out around five. Yet they thrill at any chance to take an unexpected car ride, knowing that they could as likely end up at the woods as at the grocery or vet. When I allow them an extra block on our walk around the neighborhood, they speed their pace, excited just to smell new ground.

That's how I want to react to change: to be happy with the basic routines in life, yet open to a new turn in the road every so often.

The changes you'll see on these pages, thanks to designer Dawn DeVries Sokol, feel like a new spring in our step. The routine is still here — departments, feature stories, class notes — but they have been groomed, refreshed a bit. Let us know what you think.

— Lisa Watts, editor



A change in the weather is sufficient to
recreate the world and ourselves.

— MARCEL PROUST

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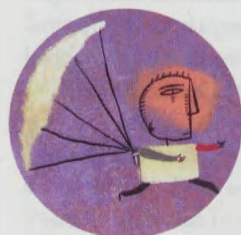
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OVERSEAS EXPERIENCES

I appreciated the article on Peace Corps service ("Letters Home," Winter 2004) and on Benin ("Into Africa," Winter 2004). I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Mali from 1996 to 1998 and spent time in Benin working for a project on girls' education in 2003. These experiences changed my life profoundly. I became more dedicated to a career serving others and working for a better world.

My four years at Wooster, in particular my involvement with the International Student Association and residence in the international dormitory Babcock, were the crucial first stepping stones in the development of my global awareness.

AMY MORROS '94
Highland Park, Illinois

FOREIGN STUDENT IMPACT

Re: "Complicating the Journey" (Winter 2004): To be blunt, if students (or Wooster administrators) don't like the stepped-up security, then go to the UK, Canada, or Australia. Ms. Edwards mentions that the cost to apply for a visa has doubled. It's still only \$100, a mere pittance compared to the price of a Wooster education. The approval process takes longer? Well, don't wait until the last minute. The Patriot Act has made it 'risky' for international visitors

tell us about it

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to protest? I'd like to see an American go to a Middle Eastern country and protest anything. Any student going to a foreign country is there to study, not to protest.

It's a fact that many known terrorists came to the U.S. using student visas. As far as having to complete written forms, personal interviews, and the like, I view it no differently than a drug test before a new job. If you haven't done anything wrong, you shouldn't worry about it.

While I feel badly for Wooster students who have dealt with issues of racism and profiling, I have no sympathy for those who have to complete extra paperwork and pay slightly higher fees. That's part of the new cost of an American education. We should be glad that the government is trying to increase our border protection.

JIM ABBOTT '91
University Heights, Ohio

I am encouraged to see the Wooster administration's sensitivity towards the needs of international students in these troubling times. The security-related immigration procedures (such as SEVIS) require further adjustments to provide improved security while maintaining the possibility for colleges like Wooster to attract top talent from abroad. I had a negative experience with SEVIS recently — I almost couldn't re-enter the country on a minor technicality after conducting part of my Ph.D. research in Mexico City.

I have graduated now and am consulting on pollution-mitigation technology, which will bring in revenues in excess of \$500 million a year for a U.S.

company and help the environment. Wooster gave me a chance to learn, to aim high. I hope the College and this country will benefit from its investment in international students such as myself.

BILAL ZUBERI '98
Boston, Massachusetts

SOUP AND BREAD AT 30

I was thrilled to see the picture of the soup and bread meal at Kittredge (Winter 2004) and to know that the program continues. The program started in the 1975-1976 academic year as a supper once a week by a group of students, of whom I am still proud to have been a part. That's almost thirty years, not over forty.

Part of my pleasure comes with the irony that Soup and Bread now appears to be an accepted part of the landscape. We were a group of students searching for some concrete way to contribute and not just talk about world hunger. We had to fight all the way to a personal meeting with President J. Garber Drushal.

After receiving a receptive response to our idea from the food service director, some members of the administration set about to dissuade us. We were told that it would mean that the College would lose money, so we couldn't do it. When I sought out the friendly ear of the campus pastor, several faculty members caught wind of our predicament and set out to support us. The late 1970s was not a time of great student activism. Several of the faculty felt that if the College finally had a few caring and active students, why was the College trying to stop us? If memory serves me, there was a well-timed tantrum in the dean's office by a member of the economics department. With the help and support of several faculty members and a few arguments that could not be countered, we started the program.

You brought back great memories.
RUTH HUTCHISON '77
Chino, California



The evidence: Chandler, top left, with Wooster's first set of bagpipes, from the 1940 Index.

FIRST BAGPIPER PIPES UP

May I add one more item to the history of the bagpipes at Wooster (Fall 2003)? In 1939-40, the band received its kilt uniforms. Naturally, nothing would do but that there should be a bagpiper in the band, and a set of pipes was acquired. But there were no pipers.

Through a concatenation of events too long and sordid to relate here, I found myself with the pipes in hand and carte blanche to do with them whatever I could. I managed to coax "The Minstrel Boy" and a few other tunes out of the instrument — and so became, to the best of my knowledge, the first student piper at Wooster.

Marching around the basketball court and with the band on the playing field was a startling change from playing "classical" music on the violin or viola in an auditorium. But I wouldn't have missed it for the world!

CHARLES CHANDLER '40
Lexington, Massachusetts

MORE MUSIC MEMORIES

Although it is possible that Robert Shaw conducted the Verdi *Requiem* in 1962, he most emphatically conducted it in 1952. I was a freshman when Shaw came to campus. R. T. Gore had directed all of our rehearsals up to the last several days. Gore brought in "ringers" from the

Cleveland orchestra for key instrumental and vocal solo parts. When Shaw directed us in the last rehearsal, he pulled sounds from the trombones that I'd never heard before. My guess is that the trombonists didn't really know that they had those notes in them.

You mention that Shaw came to campus in 1950 to see Thornton Wilder perform *Our Town*. More significant is the fact that Shaw returned in 1951 to be the commencement speaker (and earn an honorary degree).

Dr. Gore was amazing. I've only been to one reunion, my thirty-fifth in 1990. When Dr. Gore saw me, he called me by name and asked how my two brothers were — also by name!

The music experiences provided by Wooster have immensely enriched my life.... I continue to sing with the Opera Southwest chorus and with the chorus of the University of New Mexico. I also play guitar, banjo, and dijeridoo.

As for important figures in the fabric of musical life at Wooster, you should include the significant contributions of John R. Carruth (music, 1952-72).

CHARLES A. EATON '55
Corrales, New Mexico

As a freshman concert choir member in the fall of 1972, I attended a memorial service for a Wooster professor. Erie Mills '75 sang "Pie Jesu" from Faure's *Requiem* — the most beautiful sound I'd ever heard. I told my new friend, Marcia Ruff '76, that 1.) I could never be a music major at a place with that kind of talent and 2.) I was never singing again if I couldn't sound like Erie Mills.

I went on to major in religion but managed to keep singing.... I am completing my nineteenth season with Michigan Opera Theatre in Detroit. Waiting to go on stage a few years back, the director stopped me and said, "You know who you remind me of? A woman I just worked with in Dayton — Erie Mills." I had to laugh!

After many years as a banker and a

few as a full-time schoolteacher, I have finally made music my "day job." I teach Kindermusik classes and Simply Music, an Australian keyboard method. I recently started teaching piano to my first Wooster friend — Marcia Ruff.

Thanks for making me count all the musical gifts I received at Wooster.

MARY ROBERTSON '76
Huntington Woods, Michigan

I just re-read the list of musical offerings over the years ("Headline Acts," Fall 2003). What I remember about Sly and the Family Stone's concert was Sly being so wasted that he could barely get his guitar strap to stay on his shoulder.

You left out a couple of good shows from that era: Emerson Lake & Palmer — I've never seen so much electronic equipment nor heard louder sounds. Dr. Hook & His Medicine Show opened for them. They're probably selling insurance these days. The other excellent concert was Brian Auger and the Oblivion Express — hardcore British music, this time jazz, very avant garde for Timken Gym!

For both of these shows, a bunch of other "strapping youths" and I were dragged into being the local roadies — great memories.

EVAN REYNOLDS '74
Rockville, Maryland

SHOW US THE CAMPUS

I have not liked the recent cover photos on Wooster. Who wants to see a not very attractive boy, then a professor, and recently a female singer? I read the letter from Bob Flannery '51 asking to see some pictures of the campus which we all loved. How about having Wooster scenes on the covers instead of people we don't care about? That's what we used to have in John D's (McKee, Wooster editor, 1921-60) day.

Otherwise I like your magazine. I read it from cover to cover.

AGNES CARSON RICE '33
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Opportunity in being thrown together

I JOKED LAST SPRING with seniors at St. Albans School, where I was head of the upper school for nine years, that at long last I was headed for college. I had no idea how true that was.

Trinity College in Connecticut was looking for a college chaplain. The more I looked at the opportunity, the more I was drawn to it. Was it the beautiful Gothic chapel? Its proximity to my home in Maine? Did I need to work on yet another chapter in my growing-up? Or was it that, ever since my Wooster days, I felt the draw of a small liberal arts college?

Last fall, as I got to know this new place, my own self came calling from those college years decades ago.

When the first-year students arrived, I watched a host of dramas play out. Some parents were in tears; others, perhaps veterans at this, seemed more secure. Some parents sat on benches, surely telling themselves, "I am going to stay calm."

I thought back to the day in 1969 when I said good-bye to my parents. I had eagerly awaited that day for so long, yet I felt utterly desolate when my parents left.

As the semester at Trinity progressed, I noticed other reminders of my time at Wooster. A picture-perfect autumn day took me back to my first visit to Wooster on an unusually warm Saturday afternoon in November. Walking through campus, I felt in my bones that Wooster was where I wanted to be. The light of that brilliant day and the students enjoying Indian summer sealed it for me.

Of course, much about college life has changed drastically in thirty years. Seeing students symbiotically attached to their cell phones feels strange — especially because so many of them are talking to their parents ("Hi, mom, I just got out of psych class"). Compare that with my day, when a fellow student, answering the one and only telephone on the dormitory floor, would come to my door and announce to the immediate world, "Your parents are on the phone!"

College students show a lot less hos-

The Rev. Daniel R. Heischman is college chaplain at Trinity College.

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tility toward religion today but much more ambivalence. For some, the religious life competes with so many other activities. Others simply have no experience with it. A number of students hadn't physically been inside a church before they joined our chapel choir.

Belief is far more a matter of personal conviction and feeling than institutional affiliation. Gone are the cries of protest over the relevancy of the church, so much a part of my Wooster experience. I miss that. It can be far more difficult to deal with ambivalence than hostility; the latter implies some degree of caring.

One of the philosophers I studied at Wooster used to speak of our "thrownness" into this world. That is an apt description of college life. Many of the issues of getting along with other people at an institution have to do with "being stuck up here all together," as one Trinity student remarked to me. That thrownness is also one of the greatest blessings of college life — it prepares us for the realities of adult life as little else can.

College is still about searching for many things, including at least part of an answer to the question, "What does it mean to be an adult?" Perhaps the answer isn't found in sleeping until 1 p.m. on Sundays (I remember setting my alarm for 12:45 p.m. to get to Sunday brunch at Lowry). Nor can it be found in the compartmentalizing that goes on in a "work

hard, play hard" approach. Rather, it is found in the conversations and friendships that develop between professor and student, in the joy that can develop slowly but persistently as students experience the presence of mentors. It is found in that conference with a professor on a paper which, miraculously, turns into a discussion more about life than academics. The years ahead can be less intimidating when adults are around, accessible and compassionate.

Sitting at lunch with students this past semester, I noticed skeptical looks from students nearby. I recall a similar skepticism during my college years as fellow students sat eating with professors. Deep down, I also felt envy, wishing that I could be lunching with an older adult and benefiting from that person's wisdom.

The meeting of such unspoken needs is something a small liberal arts college can do like no other community. It lies at the heart of my work at Trinity. I have found myself thinking back to the words of President Drushal at Wooster's 1972 opening convocation. In his address, "On Becoming Non-Strangers," Drushal spoke of how the life of a liberal arts college could contrast with the growing "strangeness" or anonymity of many communities. College communities can be places of "non-strangers," where we notice and take each other seriously.

His address signaled a subtle but important shift in the culture of the College and in society (for better or worse) away from activism toward inward focus. Today we work with a generation quite different from us baby boomers. But in the midst of growing individualism, lack of adult connections, and the fragmentation of higher education, Drushal's words still ring true. We need to be communities of non-strangers. We're thrown together, but we can also talk about community and seek to realize that ideal more fully. Few other institutions in this world offer that opportunity. **W**

HAPPENINGS
AROUND THE
WOOSTER
CAMPUS

Oak Grove

CLINICAL TRIALS

Five retired academics get their hands dirty for a friend

A handful of retired Wooster professors spend a few days a month sweeping floors, emptying trash bins, and cleaning restrooms at the Viola Startzman Free Clinic in Wooster. The clinic opened in 1995 to serve the city's growing number of uninsured and underinsured patients. In 2000 it was named in honor of its founder, Dr. Viola Startzman Robertson '35.

Daniel Calhoun (history, emeritus) approached Startzman shortly after the clinic opened. "I had just retired and wanted to help," says Calhoun. "I thought she might ask me to lecture. But she handed me a mop and bucket and told me to get busy."

Calhoun accepted his assignment and recruited some friends. "Volunteers are crucial to the operation of the clinic," says Arn Lewis (art history, emeritus). "Our involvement is pretty low key. We just pick up a broom and start sweeping or doing whatever else needs to be done."

The clinic moves into a larger home this spring as its client population continues to grow. Some 3,700 new patients sought medical and dental treatment in 2002. Still, the facility runs almost entirely on the efforts of volunteers – many of them retired physicians, nurses, and pharmacists.

The faculty emeriti work as a tribute to their former colleague, who directed the College's student health center from 1956 to 1979. "Vi did a fantastic job with our students, not just



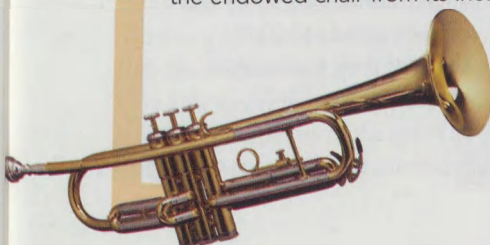
Viola Startzman handed Arn Lewis, Bill Baird, Gordon Collins, Gordon Tait, and Dan Calhoun new tools: mops and brooms.

as a physical healer, but also in providing spiritual and emotional comfort," says Gordon Tait (religious studies, emeritus). "She got more students through college because she treated their heads and hearts as well as their bodies." — John Finn

GALLAGHER NAMED KETTERING CHAIR

THE COLLEGE HAS NAMED JACK GALLAGHER the Olive Williams Kettering Professor of Music. A faculty member since 1977, Gallagher teaches composition, music theory, and trumpet. The Kettering Professorship was established in 1953 by Charles F. Kettering '47, a former trustee of the College, his son, Eugene Kettering '67, and his grandson, Charles F. Kettering II, in memory of Olive Williams Kettering, a student in the College's Conservatory of Music and an accomplished musician who died in 1946. Daniel Winter (music) held the endowed chair from its inception until his death in 1996.

Gallagher is grateful to the Ketterings and to Wooster, which "affirms the relationship between research and teaching, enabling faculty to share a passion for their work with students."



TOP FIVE MOST POPULAR NAMES, CLASS OF '04

MEN:

1. Andrew – 10
2. John/Jonathan – 8
3. tie: Daniel – 7
Michael – 7
4. tie: Adam – 6
Benjamin – 6
David – 6
James – 6
5. tie: Aaron – 5
Justin – 5
Marc/Mark – 5
Matthew – 5
Thomas – 5

WOMEN:

1. Catherine/
Katherine/
Kathryn/
Kate – 14
2. Sarah – 11
3. Jessica – 7
4. Lindsay/
Lindsey – 7
5. tie: Erin – 6
Jennifer – 6
Rachel – 6

Oak Grove



"Human exploration beyond Earth's orbit is work worthy of a great civilization. The Egyptians built the pyramids; we will explore the solar system. Humans on the Moon and Mars will be dramatic and peaceful demonstrations of our technology and enduring testimonies to our spirit. It may be all we are remembered for a thousand years hence."

— JOHN LINDNER (PHYSICS) ON THE WISDOM OF EMBARKING ON NEW INITIATIVES IN SPACE

She's a little
bit Celtic,
he's a little
bit bluegrass
'n' folk

THEY MET LAST YEAR at the bi-weekly Celtic jams in Mom's Truck Stop in Lowry Center. History professor David Gedalecia, a banjo player, soon teamed up with Charlene Adzima '05, a fiddler and geology major from Pickerington, Ohio. The result: *Genuine Woogress*, a CD featuring lively Celtic and old-time music. The CD selections nearly match a

performance the two gave in Sussel Gallery in Ebert Art Center this winter.

"I found David's banjo playing mesmerizing," says Adzima. "He's almost clockwork. And he plays with a musical energy I've not seen among several professional folk musicians." The respect is mutual. Says Gedalecia, "Charlene has

superb technical skills and musical taste, and she brings an intensity to her playing that is both rare and engaging."

In 1960-61 Gedalecia started playing banjo and guitar at the University of Chicago with a bluegrass group that played at the University of Michigan Folk Festival and the Woodstock (New York) Playhouse. He also played in New York City coffeehouses with guitarist Mark Faurer, recording with him in 1963. Gedalecia has performed around Wayne County with Bluegrass Express for the past twenty-five years and in Florida with the Sawgrass Drifters.

Adzima, president of Wooster's Scottish Arts Society, began playing

Adzima and Gedalecia at the Ashland County Fair last summer, where they entered a fiddling contest.

violin at age nine and took up fiddling at thirteen. She plays in the Wooster Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra. "I don't know a lot about bluegrass," Adzima says, "and David doesn't delve too deeply into the Celtic repertoire, but we learn from each other." (For CDs, write dgedalecia@wooster.edu.)



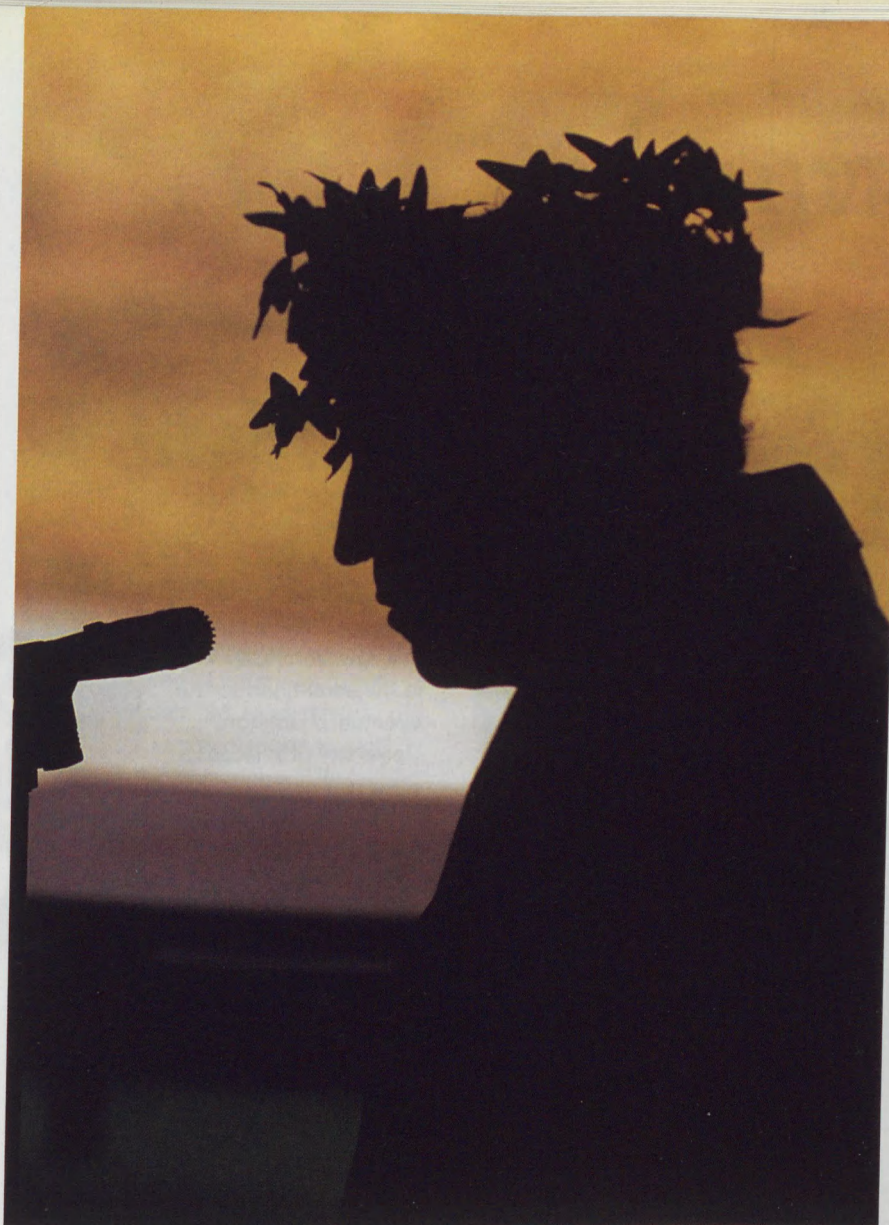
Kim Tapie '74 photo



since last
time...

GOING: Tom Falkner (classical studies), former dean of faculty and acting vice president for academic affairs, was named provost and dean of the faculty at McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland. Falkner taught at Wooster for twenty-seven years.

COMING: At press time, the men's and women's lacrosse teams were enjoying unprecedented success. The women finished the NCAC season undefeated (6-0) for the first time in program history and won their third straight conference tournament, while the men clinched at least a share of their first league championship.



President Hales, wreathed in traditional ivy, takes a turn in the marathon reading of Homer's *Iliad*.

HOMER'S ILIAD, NON-STOP

Just after midnight Dan Bandstra '04, the last of more than sixty readers, gave the final line, "And so the Trojans buried Hector breaker of horses."

In the spirit of the Achaeans and the Trojans, students, faculty, and staff battled valiantly through the twenty-four books of Homer's *Iliad* and finally conquered the massive text during a fifteen-hour marathon reading in February.

"It was very intense," says Rachel Sternberg (classical studies), who organized the event. "Readers and listeners were able to drink in the poetry and immerse themselves in the spirit of Homer. It was a draining exercise, but it

was also very exhilarating."

In fifteen-minute intervals, readers carried on the non-stop oration in Lowry Center. Some readers took on multiple shifts, including Tom Falkner (classical studies), Richard Figge (German), Ray McCall (English and theatre, emeritus), and Iain Crawford, vice president for academic affairs. Many students, including Bandstra and Kristina Schnell '05, also read more than once.

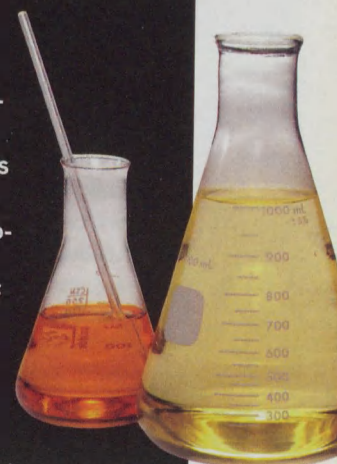
"An event like this doesn't happen unless a lot of people climb on board and *make* it happen," says Sternberg. "A small handful cannot manage an epic of 15,000 lines." — J.F.

KUDOS...

- **KAREN BECKWITH** (political science) has been named lead co-editor of *Politics & Gender*, a peer-reviewed quarterly journal of the American Political Science Association premiering in 2005. Beckwith's most recent book is *Women's Movements Facing the Reconfigured State* (Cambridge University Press, 2003).

- **DENA FREEMAN '04**, a biochemistry/molecular biology major, was accepted into Vanderbilt University's graduate program. Freeman was one of 80 students chosen from more than 3,000 applicants. She will pursue a Ph.D. and receive a stipend of \$22,000 per year plus tuition.

- **JAYMIE STRECKER '04**, a mathematics and computer science double major, won a graduate fellowship from the National Physical Science Consortium worth more than \$200,000. The six-year fellowship pays her tuition and fees in full plus a \$16,000 annual stipend as Strecker pursues a Ph.D. The fellowship also provides at least two summers of work with the National Security Agency.



Oak Grove

SISTER ACT

They could try to outdo each other. Instead, starting softball pitchers Angie '04 (left) and Natalie Barone '06 truly want to see each other succeed. Playing mostly double-headers, each Barone typically starts one game and supports her sister in the other.

"We get equal pitching time, so there is no real competition between us," says Angie. "I use Natalie as a motivator because she knows so much about the game. If I am having an off day, I go to her and she'll help me work through it."

The Barones attribute their talent to their father's hard work and instruction. "He took all of his free time to read books and watch videos that teach fast-pitch softball pitching. 'I still go to him when I have a question or problem with my pitching,'" says Angie.

"He is my role model, as well as my coach," adds Natalie.

The Barones do the same for their teammates. "Pitching is the backbone of a softball team, and the Barones are a



great pair to have anchoring ours," says coach Lori Jefferes. "They truly put others ahead of themselves."

Natalie "fell in love with softball" while attending her older sister's games. Now both sisters tear up the field. Angie has hurled three no-hitters, including a perfect game in April 2003. In her four years, she amassed 577 strikeouts and 45 wins in 537 innings. This year, Natalie posted the lowest career ERA (1.40) in College history.

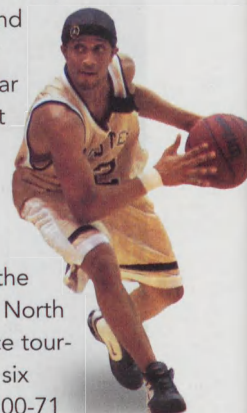
Watch third base next year: little sister Ali is attending Wooster.—Emily Ryan '05

Back in the NCAAs

THE SCOTS MEN'S BASKETBALL

team ended an exciting post-season run with a 70-64 loss to John Carroll University in an NCAA Division III "elite eight" match in March. Wooster hosted the game as one of four venues for the "sweet 16" and "elite eight" tournament games for the second year in a row. John Carroll lost in the semi-finals to the eventual champion, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

To enter the NCAAs, the Scots captured their fifth North Coast Athletic Conference tournament championship in six years with a convincing 100-71 defeat of Wittenberg in Springfield. The 2003-04 squad was ranked as high as fourth nationally. The Scots relied on the leadership of seniors P. J. McCloud, Rodney Mitchell, and Ryan Snyder. Mitchell (above) earned first-team NCAC and Great Lakes honors.



Independent Minds the Campaign for Wooster

TECHNOLOGY GRANT AWARDED

The College has received a \$975,000 federal grant to support campus information technology projects, including an upgrade of the campus network to industry-standard, 100-megabit speed; integration of the technology operations into one location in Burton D. Morgan Hall; and work on instructional technology projects. U.S. Rep. Ralph Regula (R-OH) was instrumental in obtaining the grant.

NOBLES GIVE \$.5M TO KAUKU

The Donald and Alice Noble Foundation of Wooster, Ohio, has

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

given \$500,000 toward the renovation of Kauke Hall. In recognition of the foundation's generosity, the College will name the third-floor tower classroom, with its commanding view of the campus mall, in honor of the Nobles.

Donald Noble served as a College Trustee from 1961 until his death in 2002. "When my mother learned of the need to renovate Kauke, she urged the foundation to make this gift," says David D. Noble '63, president of the Noble Foundation. Another son, Richard '64, a daughter, Jeanne Noble Langford '68, grandson Robinson '91, and David's wife, Gayle Tinlin Noble '86, are also alumni.

Progress to Date



Alumni News

Gatherings

PLAYWRIGHTS IN BOSTON

A SELL-OUT CROWD of more than sixty alumni, parents, and friends enjoyed an exclusive Boston gathering at the Huntington Theatre in November. The Huntington's Literary Manager, Ilana Brownstein '98, moderated Theatre 101, an opportunity to meet four emerging playwrights. The event continued with a performance of Simon Gray's *Butley*, starring the critically acclaimed actor Nathan Lane. A dessert reception for Wooster guests was held in a private room at the theatre, where President Hales provided an update on the College's latest achievements, challenges, and opportunities.



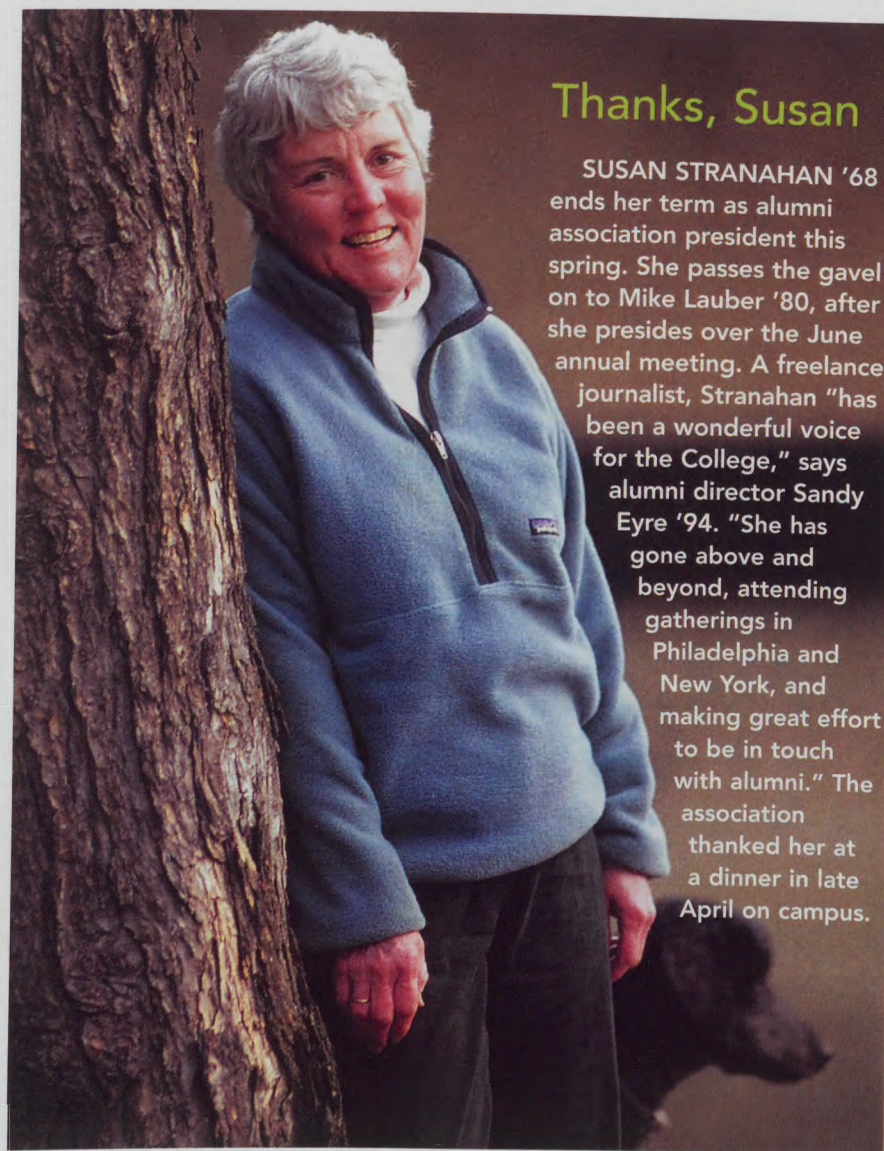
Ruth Berry '95 and Rowell Levy '98 at the Huntington Theatre reception in Boston.

CRAWFORD IN NASHVILLE

Tennessee area alumni, parents, and friends gathered at Cheekwood Botanical Gardens in Nashville in

Save the date

SCOTS IN SERVICE
returns September 18 in
20 cities. Watch for details
later this summer.



Thanks, Susan

SUSAN STRANAHAN '68 ends her term as alumni association president this spring. She passes the gavel on to Mike Lauber '80, after she presides over the June annual meeting. A freelance journalist, Stranahan "has been a wonderful voice for the College," says alumni director Sandy Eyre '94. "She has gone above and beyond, attending gatherings in Philadelphia and New York, and making great effort to be in touch with alumni." The association thanked her at a dinner in late April on campus.

February for a discussion and reception with Iain Crawford, vice president for academic affairs. Crawford spoke on "Eloquent Witness and 'The Habit of Mastery': Undergraduate Research and a Wooster Education."

CHIHULY IN COLUMBUS

Young alumni from the classes of 1988 to 2003 in the Columbus, Ohio, area gathered at The Franklin Park Conservatory for a private, behind the scenes tour of the facility and an informal reception with President Hales. A

spectacular exhibition showcasing the glass sculptures of Dale Chihuly was the main feature.

HOUSTON IN ATHENS

Ohio University in Athens was the site of a Wooster gathering in mid-March. Alumni attended a performance of the historical drama, *Free Man of Color*, starring Gary Houston '68. Afterwards the group enjoyed a reception at the University's Konneker Alumni Center.

by John Hopkins



For more than 100 years, Kauke Hall has stood tall on the hill, a regal home for the liberal arts.

IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK,

they'd speak of early morning classes in the tower, friendships forged among faculty members, and winter nights spent filling the arch with snow.

To Woosterians a century ago, Kauke Hall must have seemed the physical embodiment of an answered prayer.

On the morning of December 11, 1901, the College's main building had burned to the ground. Classrooms, laboratories, equipment, books, manuscripts — even the registrar's records — were gone.

"The history of education in America contains no record of a disaster so completely prostrating an institution of learning," wrote the editors of *The Index*. Wooster's survival hung in the balance.



Walking to chapel, circa 1910. Top, a night's work.



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One year later to the day, thanks to a fund-raising effort whose linchpin was a \$100,000 challenge grant from Andrew Carnegie, the College dedicated four new buildings to replace Old Main: Kauke, Scovel, Severance, and Taylor halls. It was, Lucy Lilian Notestein wrote, "a new Wooster, a Wooster that had risen as by the hand of a magician." [For more on the rebuilding effort, see *Wooster*, Fall 2001, pp. 58-59.]

Together, the new buildings formed an architecturally harmonious whole, though that had not been President Edward Louis Holden's vision for the new Wooster. He had wanted to design each in a different style — one Gothic, one Tudor, one Spanish, one French — as a sort of built-in architecture lesson for Wooster's students. But as William H. McSurely of the Class of 1886 noted in a 1924 letter to the *Alumni Bulletin*, "Some of the trustees thought this was a serious mistake as violating a fundamental principle of harmony and unity of design in group building."

The trustees consulted Daniel Burnham, architect of New York's

Flatiron Building and Washington's Union Station. Burnham, who had served as director of works for the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago, advised them to settle on a single style. The trustees voted to adopt collegiate Gothic, which Holden had proposed for

fours on edge, a style more commonly seen in warehouses of that era. "In effect, the floor is its own floor joist," says Peter Schantz, the College's director of physical plant. The exterior is brick, trimmed with Bedford limestone and grey terracotta. The bricks, though manufactured in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, get their distinctive, yellow-grey color from a clay found in Ohio.

The building was named for Captain John H. Kauke, a Wooster merchant, banker, and early supporter of the College who served as a trustee from 1866 until his death in 1904. Ninety years later, when his great-great-grandson, Tony Kauke '98, arrived from his

home in California as a first-year student, he was pleasantly surprised to find himself in "the only place on Earth where people say my name correctly."

The first classes were held in Kauke Hall on February 2, 1903. From the beginning, it was a busy place. Kauke housed not only classrooms and faculty offices but also the College's four literary societies, fraternity rooms, offices for the president and the treasurer, the trustees'

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Kauke, for the entire quartet. If the president was disappointed, he kept his own counsel. Perhaps the selection of his brother, L. C. Holden, as Kauke's architect was some solace.

Kauke Hall arose, literally, from the ashes of Old Main. (The fill around its foundation contains bricks from the old building.) And it was built to last around a massive timber frame, with four-inch-thick floors formed by laying two-by-



room, and, on the ground floor, a kitchen and banquet hall capable of accommodating 350 people. (For which, the *Wayne County Herald* noted, "four of the leading potteries of East Liverpool have generously donated a complete supply of china and other dishes of beautiful design.")

Alberta Colclaser '33 wrote for *The Voice* and recalls trooping up the stairs to drop her copy in a locked box outside the office of baseball coach Art Murray, who also served as the paper's adviser. But her chief memories of Kauke center around the professors she encountered there.

"Howard Lowry was my freshman English teacher and also my faculty adviser," Colclaser says. "I remember the very first day of classes. I must have gone to two or three before his class, and in each one we spent about five minutes, got our assignments, and left. When we went into Howard Lowry's class he just started to talk, and nobody moved until the bell rang. He was just fascinating."

Vergilius Ferm (philosophy, 1927-64) once gave Colclaser's class an exam of elegant simplicity. "He came in and said, 'Undoubtedly you've been thinking about what questions I might ask on this exam.

Write down three and answer them.'"

For Paul Kendall '64, Kauke will always be associated with Aileen Dunham's history classes, which were filled not just with bare historical facts, "but with literature and paintings and little personal anecdotes about the main

room, or Mary Z. Johnson (political science) teaching with her dog lying under her desk. With a dozen academic departments housed within its crenellated walls, sooner or later every student's path led to Kauke. And on at least one occasion, for a group known as the Night Climbers, it led up the walls themselves.

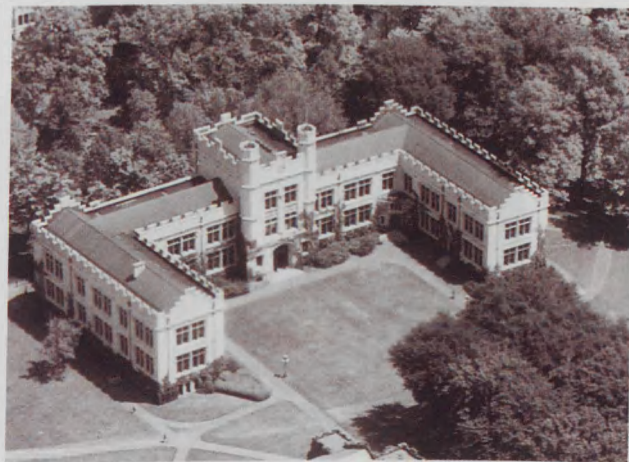
They were inspired by a visiting professor's stories about a group of Cambridge University students who would periodically "borrow" a punt from the nearby river and string it between the twin towers of one of the main campus buildings.

"So we got Jim Gwynne '57, an art major, to paint us a cardboard punt, about fourteen feet long," says Willem Lange '57. "We climbed up the back of Kauke Hall one night and slung it between the flagpoles. Painted on the side were the words 'Greetings from the

Night Climbers.'"

"It took them until noon the next day to get the thing down," Dave Dungan '57 recalls with a satisfaction the years cannot diminish.

By the late 1950s, all that wear was beginning to take its toll. The alumni voted to make the renovation of Kauke their special project within the College's



The "castle on the hill." Below, from left: Under construction, summer 1902. In class, 1950s. Socializing between classes, 1968. Comparing notes circa 1940s, before the archway was opened.

characters of whatever drama she was presenting to us. And it was presented as a drama, as living history."

For others the indelible image is Floyd Watts sitting cross-legged on his desk to teach history, Ray McCall's 7:45 a.m. Shakespeare class in the tower



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centennial fund-raising campaign. The Alumni Building Campaign raised \$1 million. In June 1961 the renovation began with the western half of the building. Faculty decamped to temporary offices in small houses on the periphery of campus, while classes were relocated everywhere from the recreation rooms in Andrews and Babcock to the basement of the TUB (Temporary Union Building). "Some professors have resorted to blackboard piracy in order to furnish adequately the temporary classrooms," *The Daily Record* reported.

By the beginning of the 1962-63 academic year, the work was complete.

"To alumni who remember Kauke over the past few decades," the *Alumni Bulletin* declared, "the change will seem miraculous." *The Daily Record* extolled the refurbished building's pale green and beige interior, acoustical tile dropped ceilings, and interior doors of "plastic woodgrain material."

But the biggest change was the addition of the Delmar Archway. Though part of the original plan for the renovation, the arch was almost never built. At the eleventh hour, during commencement weekend in 1962, President Howard Lowry announced that a gift of \$30,000 from Charles Delmar would allow construction to go forward after all. The arch was the inspiration of Delmar's son, Roland '30, who served as a College Trustee from 1964 to 1982.

That fall Kauke Hall was rededicated during homecoming weekend. Wilson Compton '11, chairman of the Alumni Building Campaign, placed a book containing the names of all 6,451 donors in a niche in the archway and sealed it in place with a bronze plaque. In all, nine plaques line the walls of the arch, including three salvaged from Old Main.

The editors of the 1963 *Index* said the Delmar Archway "serves the campus both as a conversation piece and a shortcut between classes and dormitories."

On more than one occasion, the shortcut has proved irresistible to drivers as well as pedestrians.

Jim Toedtman '63 recalls that not long



Clockwise from top: Professor Virgilius Ferm's Introductory Philosophy class, 1941. Postcard circa 1905. Students socialize in a Kauke lounge in the late 1930s. A 1970 arch prank.

Photos courtesy Special Collections, College of Wooster Libraries

after it was dedicated, a classmate returning one night from a local watering hole drove his Volkswagen through the arch. The beetle's twin exhaust pipes took parallel sets of divots out of the steps as it exited the north side of the building. When Toedtman came back to campus for his fortieth reunion last summer, "the first thing I checked was to see if those marks were still there." They were.

The arch became the symbolic portal traversed by first-year students on their way to convocation and seniors on their way to commencement. One winter in the 1960s, it became the birthplace of a



new tradition: the frantic, midnight-to-dawn attempt to fill it with snow.

Jaime Bryk '03 will always remember her attempt as "the night I found my school spirit."

"Standing between two of my closest friends and surrounded by fifty new ones," she wrote in *The Voice*, "I caught



BACK to the FUTURE

Restoration, modernization planned for Kauke Hall

As Kauke Hall begins its second century of service, the College is preparing to embark on a top-to-bottom interior renovation that will keep the building's feeling of intellectual community, restore its original architectural integrity, and upgrade its systems.

To fund the renovations, The Walton Family Foundation is dedicating up to \$8 million as a challenge grant. All gifts toward Kauke Hall received by March 1, 2005, will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Walton gift. If funds are raised in time, work will begin that spring for a fall semester 2006 re-opening.

The \$18 million project will create 20 flexible classrooms and



liked the fact that faculty "were sort of on top of one another. I enjoyed being able to walk into Bob Walcott's office any time. It reminded me of graduate school." Everyone's doors were open, and students and faculty felt comfortable wandering down the hall and poking their heads in to ask a question.

For Joanne Frye (English, women's studies), that comfortable proximity fostered interdisciplinary conversations with colleagues. She says Yvonne Williams (black studies, political science, emerita) "was great at keeping me on

myself cheering with a gusto I haven't felt since high school. I had forgotten it still lived inside of me. I belonged with these people who worked together to make something bigger than themselves. It didn't matter that they wouldn't cancel classes in the morning and that our work would be plowed down in the middle of the night...What we created could not be destroyed by snow plows."

The 1962 renovation grouped classrooms together in the central part of the building, with the wings reserved for faculty offices. Hayden Schilling, who joined the history department two years later,

my toes," particularly regarding the importance of including diverse observations in new women's studies courses.

Frye is looking forward to the building's upcoming transformation (see "Back to the Future," right), which she says will give Kauke's physical presence "the mark of its emotional association — classrooms and offices that are cool in summer, warm in winter, vivid in décor; new spaces for exchange of books and insights over coffee; a building alive to what has always been its core: probing thought and intellectual exchange all year long." **W**



seminar rooms, 66 faculty offices, and a variety of informal meeting and study spaces, including a ground-floor coffee shop. The entire building will be brought into compliance with regulations for the disabled.

Despite all the modernization, the renovation also will celebrate Kauke's character. Dropped ceilings will be peeled back to reveal original woodwork and windows obscured for forty years. "Kauke will look like what it is," says Jeff Roche (history), "the intellectual heart of the campus." — J.H

Getting to know the sixties at Wooster,
thanks to a history class

Beyond Sex, Drugs, and Rock 'n Roll

THOSE OF US WHO DIDN'T GROW UP DURING THE 1960S tend to have many preconceived notions about the decade. Images of a hippie counterculture often overshadow more important issues of the time. I've listened to sixties music and have seen many movies from that era, but I have rarely been exposed to the political and social problems of the time. So I was thrilled to learn that Professor Jeff Roche (history) was offering his class, *America in the Sixties*, for a second time this spring.

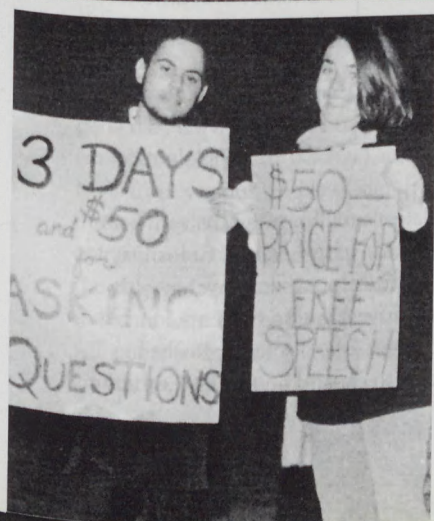
by Kate Carden '06

I decided to take the class to understand more about a decade that continues to inspire passionate debate. I wanted to trade my images of hippies and drugs for information about the civil rights and women's rights movements, the protests over the Vietnam War, and ways that a youthful generation voiced its opposition to the establishment.

Professor Roche was my first-year seminar professor for a class entitled *Seventies Nostalgia*. While some of our assignments dealt with popular culture, as I would have expected — I wrote an album review of Queen's *A Night at the Opera* and read *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* — we also spent time studying issues such as the Vietnam War and the Watergate scandal.



Clockwise from top: With free ice cream and rides back to campus, the Ohio National Guard lured 150 College of Wooster students to the Wayne County fairgrounds to practice riot control. The mock riot ended badly with injured students and tear gas; in 1968, students attended a march for peace in Washington D.C.; *Index* staffers work on the 1963 yearbook; students in 1967 protest the four-day jail sentence and \$50 fine for four students who questioned the Wooster division of the Selective Service. Photos collected by students from *The Index*, *Voice*, and other sources.





Two of my FYS classmates, Shawn Handy and Michelle Digaetano, '06s, accompanied me into America in the Sixties. When I asked Handy why he wanted to take the class, he simply said, "Just to hear Roche talk." Our professor's passion for the 1960s and 1970s is clear. His lectures are full of details, and we can tell that he has fun talking about these eras. He also sets aside a lot of class time for us to discuss our readings and to voice our opinions.

After a lot of reading and lectures, I now regard the sixties through a clearer lens. We've had good conversations and debates about social mores, civil rights, gender issues, drugs, foreign war, and the counterculture. Because this is a writing-intensive course, we spend a fair amount of class time writing and re-writing. We've been asked to write reviews of albums and books. I chose the Grateful Dead's *American Beauty* and Alice Echols's biography, *Scars of Sweet Paradise: The Life and Times of Janis Joplin*.

Professor Roche's first sixties class put together an extensive exhibit in Lowry Center, which received great reviews. The display of photos and narratives illustrated how Wooster fit into the bigger cultural picture of the times. Some photographs shocked me, like those of a mock riot set up by the National Guard at the

* Hist. 10143w: America in the Sixties *

Reading List:

Age of Great Dreams: America in the 1960s (David Faber, 1994).
Columbia Guide to America in the 1960s (Columbia University Press, 2001).
The Portable Sixties Reader (Penguin Classics, 2002).
The Times Were a Changin': The Sixties Reader (Three Rivers Press, 1998).

Instructor:

Jeff Roche, assistant professor of history. B.A., M.A., Georgia State, 1992, 1995; Ph.D. New Mexico, 2001. Co-editor with David Farber, *The Conservative Sixties* (Peter Lang, 2003).

What students knew of the '60s on the first day of class:

Vietnam War
 Hippies
 John F. Kennedy
 Martin Luther King
 Music
 Free love
 Civil Rights
 Beatles

Where they got their knowledge:

Forrest Gump, the movie
 "The Sixties," NBC mini-series
 "Eyes on the Prize," PBS history series

What they know now:

Kent State shootings
 Tom Hayden
 Democratic convention in Chicago
 The Cold War
 Civil Rights Act
 Feminist movement
 The pill
 NOW
 Little Rock, Arkansas
 Tet offensive
 Nixon - JFK election

Wayne County fairgrounds in 1967. I learned that the Guard used actual tear gas on the student volunteers. But many photos showed the opposite of what I expected. The small city of Wooster did not attract huge political protests or

populations of "hippies." Instead, I saw pictures of Hell Week and Color Day festivities, traditional social events with conservative-looking students.

This semester, Professor Roche has asked us to expand on the 2002 exhibit by




Clockwise from top: Students stage a protest at the 1971 Homecoming game in support of black athletes; '69 grads call for peace; Wooster students march from campus to the town square in 1970.

creating an i-Movie on DVD. We will put the photos into a slideshow format accompanied by captions, music selections (including old Wooster songs), and quotations from various people of significance during the decade. We split into small committees to handle different aspects of the project, from oral history and research to technology. Most of our information will come from the College's Special Collections archives, where we can look

through old issues of *The Voice* and the *Index*, president's reports, and other documents to gain a new perspective on what occurred at the College during the sixties.

The best aspect of this project is that Professor Roche leaves the entire job up to us. With minor guidance from him and our teaching assistant, Rachel Glickel '04, the class will work together to locate the materials that are the most telling. Finding stories of Wooster students who

were involved with civil rights, anti-war protests, gender issues, and cultural shifts will be our main focus.

America in the Sixties has allowed me to view a time period with a historian's mindset. Our final class project will show that even though Wooster wasn't home to lots of "hippies" who used copious amounts of drugs, the decade of turmoil and change still greatly affected the College community. 



They **teach** note-taking.

They **laugh**.

IT'S the week before spring break. Mary Cotton hasn't slept much as her anxiety about Independent Study shifts into high gear.

Meeting with tutor

Donna Walls in the Learning Center, the senior ricochets from laughter to exasperation.

Today's task: one more draft of Cotton's communication disorders I.S. on the early diagnosis and treatment of autism. Papers, charts, and drafts are spread out on a table in Walls' neat, orderly office.

"We have a lot to discuss," Walls says. They spend the hour working mostly on tables with numbers that don't add up.

"Oh my God, I *hate* numbers," Cotton cries out at one point. Later she pushes the palm of her hand to her forehead, pauses, and says to no one in particular, "I get so confused."

Always, Walls meets Cotton's agitation with calm. A former high school teacher and long-time tutor, Walls sits close to Cotton and keeps returning her student's focus to a current problem. When they identify a question for Don Goldberg, Cotton's fac-

They **recommend** sleep.

The tutors at
the Learning Center
know how to help
students navigate
the hazards of academia.

em**POWER**ing **LEARN**ers

BY LISA WATTS

ulty adviser, Walls encourages Cotton to write it down on a yellow sticky note and add it to a collection on the cover of a file folder.

At the end of the hour, Cotton asks for one last meeting time before she goes home for spring break. Walls mentions an open slot, but Cotton has a class then. "But we're just watching a movie, something I can rent over spring break," she pleads.

"MARY!" Pam Rose calls out from the next office, then appears at the door. The director of the Learning Center and one of its three tutorial consultants, Rose stands just 5'2" and is generally amiable. But her trained ear has heard an alarm.

"You don't miss classes!"

the CHALLENGE of LEARNING differences

At a college that prides itself on providing a personalized education in a small setting, the Learning Center may be one of Wooster's most unsung assets. Each semester, some fifty to sixty students find their way to the west wing of the Rubbermaid Building, tucked low behind Holden Hall. There, in pleasantly renovated office spaces and study rooms, the students meet encouragement. One of three consultant tutors — Rose, Walls, or Linda Marion — analyzes their academic strengths and weaknesses, asks about their challenges, and offers one-on-one sessions.

While any student struggling with coursework can benefit from the center's services, students like Mary Cotton make the most obvious gains. Diagnosed at an early age with classic difficulties in reading and writing, Cotton is a thoughtful student who struggles to express herself and to stay focused. "I've never had an easy semester," she says, "even when I'm taking supposedly easy courses."

Cotton is one of a growing number of students nationally who enter college diagnosed with learning disabilities. Dyslexia, a wide-ranging condition that makes grasping language and reading

skills difficult, and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) are the most commonly identified conditions.

In the early 1980s, when the College created the Learning Center, such disorders weren't well understood or quickly identified. Vivian Holliday (classics, emerita), then dean of the faculty, remembers teaching bright students who clearly understood the material in classroom discussions but would perform poorly on exams or papers.

With President Henry Copeland's support, the College sponsored a few faculty workshops on learning disabilities. One memorable speaker introduced the concept that everyone has learning differences — some of us learn better by listening, some of us learn well visually, and others do best with hands-on practice.

"We knew this was an issue that wasn't going to go away," Holliday remembers. "We decided we needed a place, a center, that would be a permanent part of our academic program."

Two federal laws — Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 — mandate that all institutions of higher education respond appropriately to the unique needs of disabled students



DOUBLE-CHECKING: Mary Cotton '04, left, works on I.S. with tutor Donna Walls.

and make reasonable accommodations. Students whose disability has been documented by a licensed professional can ask for such things as longer time limits for tests and permission to take tests in the Learning Center.

Some faculty members worried that by creating a center, Wooster would become a magnet for the learning disabled, Holliday says. "At the same time, I knew we had some very bright students whom I wanted to help set on the right track."

SUPPORT, not CODDLING

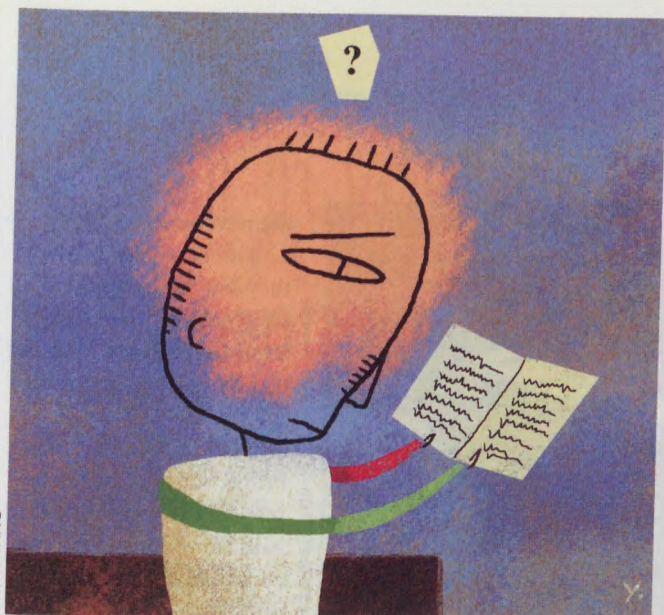
Any early resistance to the center seemed to relax once faculty members saw how the tutoring was integrated into the academic program. Whether identified with a disability or not, struggling students learned strategies to help them grasp course material. But the tutors never let them off the hook.

"What I appreciate about Pam (the center's director since 1987) is that she doesn't let a disability be an excuse. She tells students, 'You have to learn to adapt and survive in the world,'" says John Ramsey (mathematics).

Denise Bostdorff (communication) agrees: "The Learning Center staff are very encouraging. But they don't let anybody be coddled. They say, 'You've got to show up to class, do the reading, do the work.'"

For students with ADD or ADHD, the independence of college can spell trouble. Suddenly they face large blocks of unscheduled time, abundant distractions, and irregular sleeping habits. Even a lecture hall filled with other students can be distracting.

"When I took exams in a classroom with everyone fidgeting around me, I couldn't concentrate very well," remembers Matt Pilachowski '98, who was diagnosed with ADD in third grade (see "When Reading Almost Ruined Me," next page). "Especially when people started getting up to turn in their exams. I couldn't remember anything then, because I'd be focusing on, 'Oh my God,



I MET READING HEAD ON in elementary school. It was stronger than I was, and I had to struggle to keep up with my friends. After about a year, my teacher and the reading specialist decided to put me into a special reading class.

Every day when reading period came around, I was segregated from the rest of my friends. When the bell sounded, I was transformed into a different person in their eyes. No words were exchanged as they headed to the back of the room and I gathered my things and headed out the door. I was deformed for an hour.

There were many battles between reading and me in elementary school, but the most damaging one took place in third grade. Twice a week we would spend a period in the library learning about the card catalog and the Dewey decimal system. Sometimes we had free rein of the library to read whatever books we wanted. Every time our class would walk through the heavy, double wooden doors, all the boys' eyes focused straight ahead. Approximately ten feet in front of the doors stood the shelf containing all the books about cars. Who was going to get them first? Who would get the one with the Porsche in it? Who would be left out? All the boys, keeping one eye on their competitors and one eye on the books, would strut past the towering shelf and grab the seat closest to it.

Of course I never got to sit at the close table, so I never got a chance to look at the shiny Lamborghinis or the blazing Ferraris. I was left to try to read about Mrs. Piggie Wiggle or Amelia Bedelia, who would run off a baseball field with home plate in her arms because she was told to "steal home."

One day, out of the blue, I snapped. As soon as we had stepped into the library, I ran to the close table and sat down. I stood out like a sore thumb among all the regulars sitting around me, but I was determined to get a car book. When the time came to get up and get our books, I shot over to the shelf and with a little elbow here and a little shove there, I managed to grab the best car

when **READING** almost ruined me

By Matt Pilachowski '98

book. Walking tall, head back slightly, I became King Arthur taking Excalibur back to the Round Table. All the boys followed as my knights and waited for me to open the Book.

It was not long before the librarian, Mrs. Sidnore, hunched-back and ugly, hobbled over to my table and stripped me of my crown, scarring me for life.

"Matthew, aren't you too young to read that book?" she snarled.

"No, if Scotty and Mike can read it, I can read it," I stated.

"Well then, you should have no problem passing the five-finger test. You start to read a page and every time you don't know a word, I will stick a finger out. Five fingers means you aren't smart enough to read it," she proposed.

One finger. Two. Three. Four. Five.

"Put the book back" shot out of her mouth and struck me down. All eyes focused on my quivering ego. I was deformed, a mutant, too dumb for them.

For the rest of elementary school, I stuck to things I knew I could handle and tried to hide my reading disability. I only read when it was absolutely necessary and not even all those times. It wasn't until sixth grade that I began to conquer the enemy that reading had become to me.

My sixth grade English teacher, Ms. Myers, was the first of my inspirational heroes. One of the more memorable books we read in her class was *My Side of the Mountain*. The book represented a fantasy that I wanted to live. At that point in my life, I had started doing a lot of camping and hiking, and the thought of living on my own in the middle of the wilderness enthralled me. Ms. Myers always made reading fun by choosing the right stories for us. We read stories that we related to in one way or another.

Ms. Myers also had us keep journals of what we read. This inspired me to start my own personal journal. As I grew to know her, Ms. Myers convinced me that if I worked hard enough, I would learn to overcome my reading and writing disabilities and keep them from holding me back.

"You need to work twice as hard as all of your friends," she would tell me, "but soon, you will learn to work with your disabilities instead of your disabilities working against you."

emPOWERing LEARNERS

they're already done."

Pilachowski opted, as many ADD students do, to take all his exams at the Learning Center. Other students choose the space for studying.

"I liked going there," says Dan Rosenbaum '92, a studio art major and sociology minor. "I liked Pam, I liked the atmosphere. I spent a lot of time working on papers there. I knew I wasn't alone, I had an advocate on my side.

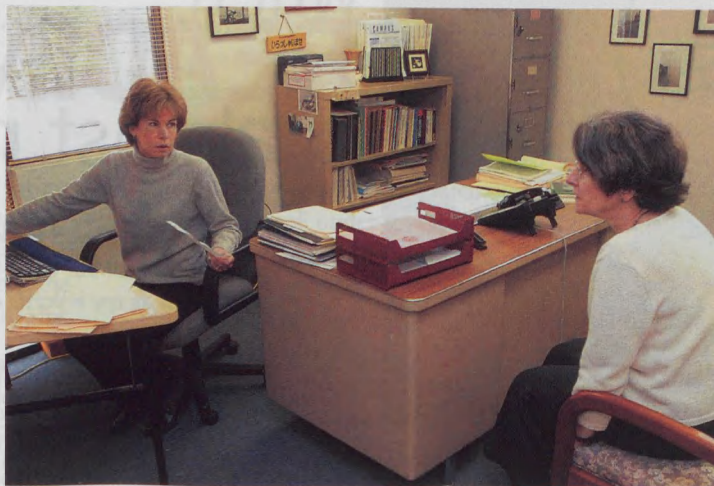
"Pam helped me organize my thoughts," Rosenbaum says. "We'd sit down and she'd say, 'OK, what do you want to write this paper about?' And then she'd help me write an outline. She'd say, 'By Wednesday, you should get these things done.'"

Loic Pritchett '00, a political science major, remembers the endless hours that Rose spent working with him on vocabulary and grammar. She stressed repetition — "that's how I learn everything," says Pritchett, whose ADHD was diagnosed in early elementary school. For him, the center was "this little utopia."

Mary Cotton feels that same understanding at the center. "I have a great group of friends, but this is a different kind of support. Donna asks me the exact right question to get out what I'm thinking."

LAUGHS and KICKS in the PANTS

It's no mystery why Rose, Walls, and Marion (and former colleague Royana Schultz, who died unexpectedly in 2001) build such a following of fans. The women exude the energy of people who love their jobs. They interrupt each other in their zeal to explain their work or tell a good story. They are successful,

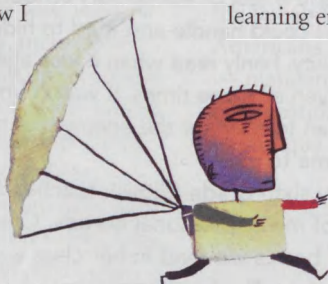


Helping students through "an exciting time in their lives": Pam Rose, left, Learning Center director, with tutor Linda Marion.

they say, because they truly get to know their students over the years and enjoy them, quirks and all.

"I have students who have to pace up and down in my office to think clearly," says Walls, "and one who would have to lie down on the floor with her eyes closed."

"We get these students in college, in a learning environment that isn't as pedan-



The tutors stress SELF-ADVOCACY, yet they will go out of their way to HELP students succeed.

tic as high school was," says Marion. "The thinking process is valued more here. So we meet these students at an exciting time in their lives. And we get to watch over four years as they shed these notions of themselves as screw-ups."

"Sometimes that growth is almost physical," adds Rose.

The tutors stress self-advocacy, yet they will go out of their way to help students succeed. Matt Pilachowski admits that he was very good at leaving things until the last minute. "A few times I dropped a paper off at Donna's house the night before it was due, and she would bring it in, ready to talk about it

the next morning."

The tutors know when they can joke with their students and when to kick them in the pants. Humor usually helps. When things get a little tense, say around I.S. Monday, Rose brings out the Chief. She rescued the two-foot tall painted sculpture of a seated Indian chief from someone's curbside trash. Come late March, the solemn Chief sits on the receptionist's desk. His headdress sports yellow stickies with the names of Learning Center students who have turned in their I.S. projects.

Professors recognize the center's staff as a resource.

"Their experience working with students who have all kinds of challenges to learning is a gold mine," says Susan Figge (German). She has sought the tutors' expertise many times, because learning a foreign language can be especially difficult for students with dyslexia and ADD.

Fourteen years ago, a Brown University dean argued that learning disabled students benefit a school in part because they help faculty members improve their instructional methods. "Of necessity, dyslexic students exemplify the characteristics of self-awareness and careful deliberation that are hallmarks of a liberal arts education," Robert Shaw wrote in a 1990 *Chronicle of Higher Education* editorial. Methods that help dyslexic students — a clear structure of materials and assignments, presenting material in more than one mode, say visual and aural, and a chance for students to clarify points — would help all students, Shaw writes.

Ramsey, in mathematics, agrees. His sixteen years of teaching, together with parenting three children, have helped him recognize that all students learn

MATT DILYARD PHOTOS

it's all in your head: **TREATING** attention disorders

PEDIATRICIAN SKIP BAKER '64 likes to tell the story about how his grade point average went up a point and a half during his sophomore year at Wooster.

"I thought maybe I had figured out how to study, finally," jokes Baker. "But I realized later that it was the same year I started smoking."

Research is beginning to show how stimulants such as nicotine and caffeine raise dopamine levels in the brain in the same way as Ritalin and Adderall, two common medications for attention disorders. But Baker has long suspected the connection.

"We've been self-treating ourselves since before Columbus discovered America — stimulating our brains with chocolate, coffee, tea, tobacco, heavy exercise. Montezuma drank forty cups of chocolate a day. The French philosopher Voltaire drank sixty cups of coffee a day."

As a founder of the Descanso Medical Center for Development and Learning in La Canada, California, Baker treats children and adolescents who have learning or behavioral problems related to attention deficit disorders. Business is booming. Attention disorders affect from 10 to 15 percent of the population nationally, he says. This past winter his center couldn't book new patients until July.

To Baker, ADD or its hyperactive version, ADHD, are matters of brain chemistry. Researchers have identified the prefrontal cortex, above the eyes, as the part of the brain that handles short-term memory, impulsivity, and reading comprehension, among other tasks. As early as 1989, brain scans showed lower levels of glucose utilization in that area of the brain in people with attention disorders.

"This is a neurobiological issue — not an emotional or environmental one," says Baker, also a clinical professor of pediatrics at University of Southern California School of Medicine. "When you help that biological difference in the brain, a lot of things get better."

Baker was featured in a 2002 documentary, *Misunderstood Minds*, produced by the Public Broadcasting System. In the video, he works with Lauren, an eleven-year-old who was having trouble making friends and keeping up with her schoolwork. Clinical tests reveal classic indicators of attention deficit disorder. Baker recommends medication, which Lauren's fami-

ly resists.

Parents often are reluctant to medicate their child, Baker says. They can try behavioral changes and other strategies, he says, but medication can fix imbalances more simply. He offers an analogy. "Let's say you can't see the blackboard in school. There are lots of strategies you could employ. You could always sit up closer, you could have someone take notes for you, you could tape-record the lesson. But you could also put on eyeglasses."

In the documentary, Lauren's family moves her to a different school, but her problems return. Finally, when Baker tells the parents that Lauren is statistically twice as likely to be drawn to cigarettes and alcohol for the chemical stimulation, the parents decide to try medication. Her improvement, academically and socially, is remarkable.

Physicians should monitor and adjust a child's medication as closely as they would with insulin or thyroid medicine, he says.

Attention problems continue into adulthood, but "most adults can adjust their lifestyles to fit their needs," Baker says. Youth with ADD or ADHD, however, can run smack into a brick wall: school.

The issue hit home when the Bakers' oldest son, who had struggled through high school, came home from community college drinking up to a dozen Diet Cokes a day. Seeing an obvious attempt to self-medicate, Baker had his son diagnosed and evaluated for medication. The young man has responded well to the change.

Baker has another son attending medical school. Faculty members there, perhaps closer to the cutting edge of neuroscience, offer students options beyond the standard lecture format, including tapes for auditory learners and study guides for more visual learners. Baker hopes research on learning styles will keep trickling down to eventually reach public elementary schools.

"We are expecting our kids to do things in third and fourth grade that we weren't doing until junior high," Baker says. "Our brains all work differently. My brain, for example, works best by listening and talking. I have a good friend who's a movie director. He never went to lectures in grad school. He gets his information best by reading and writing. Yet we've created schools as if our brains all work the same." — L.W.



Dr. Skip Baker '64

mathematics differently. Students with learning disabilities “tend to be more methodical, slower in how they approach the work. They dot every i, show every step. Often they’re the students who are willing to work the hardest,” he says.

Embracing **SUCCESS**

One alumna and her parents remain forever grateful for the Learning Center’s presence on campus.

Mary Hunt Prekop ’89 arrived at Wooster with a nagging fear that she really didn’t belong in college. The third daughter of two proud Wooster alumni, she was articulate and charming. She could boast of a 4.0 grade point average, but that was at an inner-city high school in Chicago where she sat elbow-to-elbow with students who could not read.

Midway through her first semester, Prekop’s fear mutated to panic. Despite three years of Spanish in high school and tutoring with an upperclass student, she was failing Spanish 101.

“My professor finally asked me how many years I had taken Spanish. ‘Something’s not right, this isn’t normal,’ he told me.”

The professor sent Prekop to the Learning Center. Staff members arranged for her to be tested for aptitude, then for performance. The results showed a classic disconnect between the two. Despite her intelligence, Prekop’s brain doesn’t process auditory information very well, for one thing. She has trouble retaining what she reads in black-and-white print. Her spelling “is permanently stuck at the fourth-grade level.” The diagnosis: dyslexia.

Prekop still struggles to express the impact of that diagnosis.

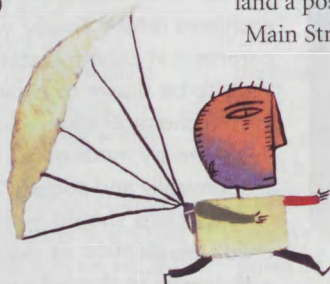
“It was enlightening. Mind blowing. All your life you have felt stupid, as if you were playing a charade,” she remem-

bers. “And then you have someone tell you, ‘It’s your brain, there are just certain things that are hard for you.’”

At the center, Prekop learned pain-taking strategies such as taping all of the lectures in her classes, then listening to them slowly while taking notes with a multicolored pen, “so it wouldn’t all sound like ‘blah blah blahbety-blah blah.’”

“What sticks in my mind about the Learning Center is a sense of calm, a sense of serenity. The staff was fabulous, committed to getting us through school. They planted the seeds for helping me cope, teaching me that there are tools I can use.”

An urban studies major, Prekop used her I.S. and an internship experience to land a position as executive director of a Main Street development program right



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out of Wooster. Now married and the mother of two, she has moved from non-profits to furniture making to property management, her self-confidence growing stronger all the while.

“It’s OK to say I’m dyslexic, but I’m also very smart,” she says. “Don’t underestimate me.”

Similar success stories fill the backs of postcards and wedding photos pinned to the center’s bulletin boards. The tutors are proud of Whit Schofield ’03, a biology major who has accepted a full doctoral fellowship from Yale University to study molecular cell biology.

Most Learning Center students see completing I.S. as one of their greatest accomplishments. A year after he graduated, Pilachowski hiked the entire Appalachian Trail in five months, but he ranks that achievement second to his I.S. He works as a mortgage banker, where his flexible schedule suits him. His newest goal is to wean himself from medication for ADD after almost twenty years (see “It’s All in Your Head,” page 25).


By all accounts, the Learning Center staff keep their focus on each student’s abilities, not disabilities. Students and faculty members have never heard a student say that he or she felt stigmatized by using the center’s services. Once out of Wooster, however, things don’t always feel the same. A fear of being labeled or questioned because they process information differently than others — what so many of these students experienced in their elementary and secondary education — may creep into their workplaces. One alumna earned a Ph.D. and teaches at a large university, but she won’t talk about her learning disability until she earns tenure.

Others put their experiences at the Learning Center into practice. Jesse Buell ’98 and Lisa Beam ’01 translate the skills they gained at the Learning Center to classroom work.

“On the first day of school, I ask how many kids think that when I write ‘study for a test’ on the board it means they have no homework,” laughs Buell, who teaches sixth grade in Massachusetts. “Three-quarters of them raise their hands. So I teach them how to study.”

Beam is studying for a master’s in teaching at John Carroll University. Fellow grad students admire her color-coded folders and other organizational strategies. Noticing that her lesson plans are ready a week in advance, they ask her for tips.

Mary Cotton, by the way, passed her orals in mid-April and loved the I.S. process. She hopes to work on getting her study published. She plans to work with autistic students in the younger grades. She has caught up on her sleep and is “forever indebted” to Donna Walls and the Learning Center.

“So many times we look at these students and try to tell them, these might be your last four years of academic work,” Walls says. “Then you’re going to go out there and *live!* And they’re so successful.” 

BY JIMMY WILKINSON MEYER

Making the World Saif

PROFILE: SAIF, LINDA



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Microbiologist
Linda Marsch
Saif '69 is tack-
ling world health,
one virus at a
time

Crown-shaped, round, cup-like. The coronavirus, rotavirus, and calicivirus might appear benign, but they cause havoc – from the common cold to severe stomach distress and dehydration to SARS. From her lab on the outskirts of Wooster, one microbiologist leads the global effort to understand and control these viral villains.

As a graduate student, Linda Marsch Saif '69 developed a way to save the lives of piglets. Every winter a coronavirus infection killed hundreds of pigs worldwide. Saif uncovered a critical, natural link. Immunize the mother pig and mom's

milk passes on the antibodies to the sucklings. This finding explained a human phenomenon: Breastfed babies have a lower incidence of rotavirus diarrhea. The results led to the discovery of immunological relationships among

(see "Peer Review," below).

Among other efforts, Saif's research group is trying to adapt the human calicivirus to grow in cell culture, in the hopes of immunizing livestock and people. Her group is also evaluating non-

and the means of analyzing the data.

Knowledge about coronaviruses in animals — the results garnered by Saif and her group over the years — informs much of the work on SARS. The pneumonia associated with bovine coronavirus

SAIF HAS CONCENTRATED ON ANIMAL-RELATED PATHOGENS FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS.

other tissues and glands in animals and humans.

Most microbiologists focus on viruses or bacteria that primarily affect humans, ignoring those that sicken and kill livestock. Saif has concentrated on animal-related pathogens and their human versions for thirty-five years. She bridges the gap between basic and applied research, a rare thing in her field. She studies the properties of viruses in order to develop treatments and vaccines, for people as well as their four-legged counterparts.

"Nearly one million children die of rotavirus diarrhea annually, many in developing countries," Saif says, "but no human vaccines are available." And no vaccines or even specific treatments exist for the calicivirus that causes food-borne stomach and intestinal illnesses that can kill the young, old, sick, or malnourished.

Since 1979 Saif has worked in The Ohio State University's Food Animal Health Research Program at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) in Wooster. She has garnered more than \$17 million in research grants and prestigious awards

infectious, virus-like particles for their potential use in an oral or nasal vaccine. The National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Agriculture contribute funding to these efforts. Saif keeps in mind the possibilities that her research holds for humans. Those possibilities became starkly evident two years ago.

A global epidemic

Between November 2002 and July 2003, 916 people died after being infected by a coronavirus that was suspected to have been transmitted from animals to humans. The speed with which SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) spread led the World Health Organization to take the unusual step of issuing a global alert — the first in its history.

Soon after SARS surfaced, health experts called upon Saif. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, and other organizations consulted with her almost weekly to try to understand and treat the illness. Because this was a new virus strain, researchers had to start from scratch in developing the antibodies that react to the SARS virus, ways to detect it,

(BCoV, a disease of cattle) and the porcine respiratory coronavirus (a disease in pigs) resembles the pneumonia of some SARS patients, for example. Other people with SARS develop intestinal symptoms in addition to respiratory distress, similar to the shipping fever developed by some BCoV-infected cattle during or after their transport to feedlots. Saif notes that one common factor could be the stress and crowded conditions of travel, whether in cattle cars and feedlots or jet planes and airports.

Early in 2004 the World Health Organization invited Saif's lab to join its International SARS Reference and Verification Laboratory Network. The network will monitor SARS and develop diagnostic tests. Saif's expertise puts her at the center of this new global effort.

Team effort

Teamwork, not the pursuit of individual fame or glory, lies at the root of the most effective science, Linda Saif says. When asked about her accomplishments, she quickly credits administrators and each member of her staff, from technicians to secretaries, Wooster I.S.



Peer Review: Recent Recognition

1995

The **Ohio State University** bestows on Saif the Distinguished Scholar Award, the university's top honor for research.



2002

The **Ohio State University** names Saif a Distinguished University Professor, the university's highest honor. She is the first professor to earn that title who is not based on the Columbus campus.

To learn more about Linda Saif's research, see www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/lsaiflab/

students, graduate students, visiting scholars, and post-docs. Calling Saif "an extraordinarily gifted scientist," OARDC director Steve Slack says, "She makes those around her reach deeper within themselves in order to excel. It is this consistent, relentless drive for excellence that sets her apart."

Graduate students and post-doctoral fellows come from South Korea, China, South America, Japan, and elsewhere to work with Saif. Marli Azevedo earned a master's degree in Brazil and was looking for a place to further study viral immunology. "I didn't know that much about Ohio State's program," she says, "but I knew of Dr. Saif's work. I called her even before I applied. When she agreed to work with me, that's when I sent the application." Five years later, as a Ph.D. candidate, Azevedo works with Saif on rotaviruses. "It's not easy," she admits. "You work very hard and expand yourself to reach a high standard."

Some students keep returning. Anil Parwani '89, for example, a double major in biology and chemistry at the College, did an I.S. with Saif on viruses in pigs, then came back to her lab for graduate and post-doctoral work. Now a clinical fellow at Johns Hopkins University's School of Medicine, Parwani will join the University of Pittsburgh's Medical Center this fall as an assistant professor.

"Dr. Saif's lab feels like one big family," Parwani says. "Different generations pass down her research methodology.



Human, Group A rotavirus, similar to the one that causes SARS

The post-docs mentor the graduate students, who assist the I.S. students."

Parwani describes his mentor's drive. "Dr. Saif does not give up. I remember doing the same experiment twelve times – twelve times! – before we succeeded. Each time it failed, she encouraged us to ask, 'Why isn't this working?' 'What can we do differently?'" Saif sees each problem as a possibility, rather than an obstacle.

Saif manages several different projects concurrently, yet her lab runs very smoothly, Parwani says. "It's amazing how one person can keep so many projects going at once, with so many people. Her office might look chaotic, but under that chaos lies an intricate and delicate order." While Saif works with state-of-the-art microscopes and other equipment, she reverts to simpler means when necessary. "She would give us a lab pad

full of instructions and a deadline for the results, say, in three days," Parwani explains. "This was before computerized calendars or organizers. But, sure enough, three days later, you would find a sticky note reminding you that your results were due. She kept us on target."

Saif even inspires – and challenges – high school students. Marli Azevedo's daughter volunteered in Saif's lab as a Wooster High School senior and worked there last fall as a first-year student at the College. "Once Dr. Saif sees what you're capable of, you can't do any less," says Ana Azevedo '07. Severin Poulin '07 has worked in the lab since his senior year at Orrville High School. Saif first assigned these young students mundane tasks but soon began treating them like her graduate students. "She has very high expectations," Poulin says. Saif teaches by example, he adds. "She shows us what it's like to do something that you love."

Saif enjoys the opportunity to advise College of Wooster biology, chemistry, and biochemistry majors on their I.S. projects. These undergraduates are "among my very best students – very motivated, very capable," she says. She recommends Wooster to high school students like Azevedo and Poulin and even accompanied Azevedo and her mother to the College admissions interview.

A liberal arts background provides a good base for a research career, Saif says. "Even in science, it's very important to write clearly and concisely." At Wooster, the small classes, the fine teaching, and

2003

The **University of Ghent in Belgium** awards Saif an honorary degree, along with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and four others. Saif is the only woman among the 2003 honorees.

2004

The **National Academy of Sciences** elects Saif to membership. As of 2003, 160 women had been chosen for this group of 1,922 American scientists and engineers. Ohio State University counts 7 active NAS members among its faculty. Saif was the first representative of Ohio State's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine.

The **World Health Organization** invites Ohio State University's Food Animal Health Research Program at OARDC – Saif's lab – to join its 18-member International SARS Reference and Verification Laboratory Network, as one of only three U.S. labs and only two animal research labs.

The **American Academy of Microbiology** elects Saif an Academy Fellow.



the social opportunities added up to "a very enriching experience," she remembers. Saif enjoyed the chance to do actual research as an undergraduate. She gathered samples on field trips with biology professors Andrew Weaver and Floyd Downs. The professors' families sometimes came along. Saif liked getting to know her teachers outside of class.

Saif socializes with her own students, organizing trips to a nearby state park or inviting them to her home for a meal or barn dance. "She loves the Macarena," says Ana Azevedo. Agrees Poulin, "She likes to have fun."

Passion for science

Saif did her own senior I.S. in biology at the OARDC on parainfluenza virus in lambs and calves. This hands-on research excited her. "When I got into the laboratory and saw how to study infectious diseases and the viruses that cause them, that's when I really got interested in microbiology. Later, when I got the job at the OARDC, I found it almost inconceivable that someone would pay me to do what I like to do.

"Science is exciting because you're always pursuing something new and different. You're generating new knowledge, contributing to the overall knowledge pool." In the midst of the sometimes tedious routine, new angles, new issues pop up. "You solve one problem, and a dozen others come to mind. There are always new aspects to work on."

Saif grew up on a "hobby farm" with horses, pigs, poultry, cattle — "a few of everything," in Gahanna, Ohio, then a rural suburb of Columbus. She also spent time on her grandparents' farm in southern Ohio. After graduating from Wooster, Saif completed course work for a master's in microbiology at Case Western Reserve University, doing basic research in immunology, before transferring to Ohio State. There she earned a master's and a Ph.D., studying the viruses that became her specialty.

Saif never feared science. And she never let gender barriers stand in her way.



Saif at work: Science "provides a universal language that can overcome political differences."

She bristles at the very idea. "No one ever said to me, you can't do this because you're a girl." But she admits to having few female peers. She credits the space race of the late 1950s and 1960s with encouraging her generation to study science. Sadly, that interest is waning.

"We need more highly trained, skilled people to confront emerging diseases as well as existing ones and develop new understandings, new vaccines, new diagnostics," she says. "I'm sorry to see the best and brightest forsaking science for law or business." Saif is married to Mo Saif, head of the Food Animal Health Research Program at the OARDC. Their

she notes. Saif sees general science education as one solution. "People don't need to fear science."

Saif also worries about the long-range effects of new regulations for foreign-born students and researchers who want to come to study or do research in the United States. International students have made major contributions to American research efforts, she says, pointing out that a high percentage of U.S. Nobel prizewinners and a quarter of the National Academy of Sciences members are foreign-born. "We've competed effectively for some of the best students from all over the world. Education was a major export. Now, with all of our immigration restrictions, the best and

brightest minds will just go elsewhere, to Asia, Europe, or Great Britain."

Science "provides a universal language that can overcome political differences," Saif maintains. She's seen Israeli and Egyptian researchers lose their hostility toward each other while working together, for example. Cross-cultural exchange is especially important in a place like Wooster. "If you reach out and establish collaborations with scientists from around the country and the world, you don't have to...go to Yale or Harvard to do great science."

Saif fears the effects of science falling into the wrong hands, such as terrorists

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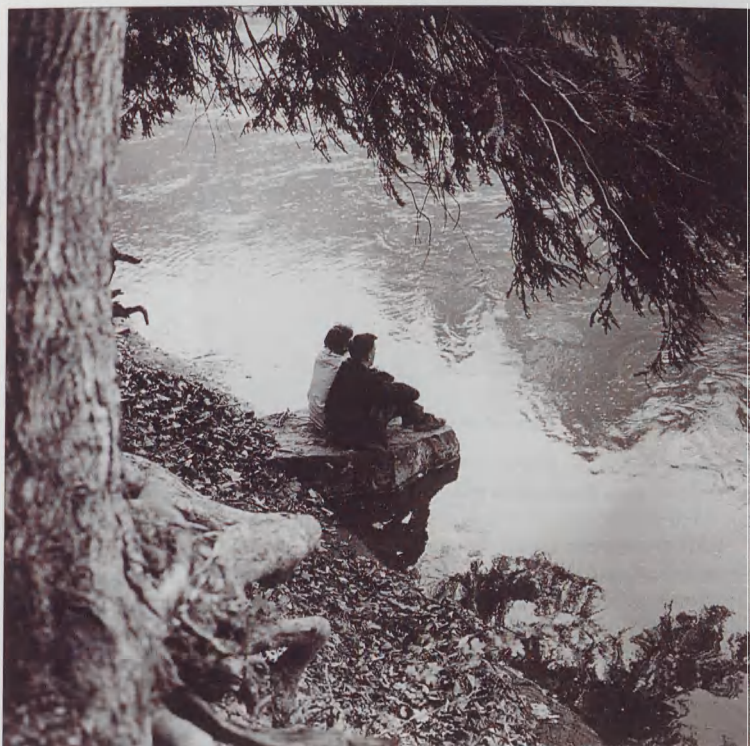
son, a Harvard graduate, is pursuing a career in law, not science like his parents.

Looking to the future

Saif worries about a contemporary backlash against science. Though safe, effective vaccines exist, some parents refuse to vaccinate their children, for instance, opening up the possibility of an epidemic of diseases such as measles. "Some people drink unpasteurized milk, even though we know that infectious pathogens in the milk can cause disease,"

resurrecting such devastating diseases as smallpox. On the positive side, perhaps the nasty viruses she studies could benefit society. Researchers might use bio-engineered viruses to replace defective cells or destroy tumor cells, for instance.

Another problem, another possibility, another reason for Linda Saif to go to the lab every day. "If you really look forward to and enjoy your work," she says, "it will show in your accomplishments. Just do the best job you can, and let the future take care of itself." **W**



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Spring fever day, 1961, at Miller Lakes

Class Notes • Spring 2004

1932 **Harriet Painter Hopkins** continues to live at Ingleside in Washington, DC, near members of her family. She also enjoyed many visits from family members who live farther away. Harriet has six great-grandchildren, one of whom she met in September for the first time.

1933 **Ed Heyde** complains about the lack of mail from classmates. Won't someone address the situation, so to speak? **ED HEYDE**, 4504 Lincoln Ave., Vancouver, WA 98663-1766.

1934 **Helen Hayward** was pleased to hear from **Margaret Hawkins Byington**, who expressed gratefulness for Helen's note. Margaret attends D.A.R., P.E.O., and Bible study. She plays bridge three times monthly. A son, daughter, and granddaughters have been successful in business. Four great-grandkids grace her life.

Mae Celestia Ashman Ziegler was/is a math whiz. She graduated from Kent and the U of Florida and taught math to folks in the U.S. armed services and then at the local high school. She also helped write a textbook. After retiring in 1977, Mae brought music to 13 nursing homes. She now organizes the mission program for Whitfield Presbyterian Church (home of the first drive-in church). Her husband of 40 years died in 1982. Mae lives in the home they built. A "block from the water," it was then "in a cow pasture." Now the city has grown around it.

Mae has fond memories of Wooster and will write to anyone who writes to her at 3829 Chapel Dr., Sarasota, FL 34234-5220.

Our faithful reporter, **Beryl Young Denny**, visited **Eleanor Fenner Shaw Linegar**, along with **Mildred Schuenemann Johnston**, in Eleanor's new home in Estes Park, CO. Beryl lives in Lakeville, Ohio, for six months and in Florida the

other six. She rejoices in being able to care for herself and travel.

Best wishes to Eleanor! Do tell us more, please. What's your new address?

Mary Ellen Frame Weaver and Joel '37 have moved back to Akron after 23 years in North Carolina. They came to be near their daughter, a retired U of Akron professor. Mary Ellen writes honestly, "I'm not quite as spry as when we left and a little less active. I confess to a much-sought-after nap each day." (She could be speaking for most '34ers!)

Mary Ellen and Joel are now great-grandparents. She proudly describes some of the men in their life: "our son, Joel, anesthesiologist; his son John, M.D.; and the new Jonathan, born in the fall of 2003. What fun lies ahead as we watch Jonathan grow!" Find the Weavers at Chambrel, 100 Brookmont Rd., Apt. 130, Akron, OH 44333.

June Cameron Hackett lost her husband last year, just three months

before their 65th anniversary. She now lives with her youngest daughter at 760 Duke St., North Umberland, PA 17857-1711. She is "in good health, no pain, a little gray, retired, and lazing it!" Three daughters, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, plus other family and friends from near and far, surprised her on her 90th! "My kids are the greatest," she says.

How often you '34ers write of your families! Do they realize how much they mean to us?

Sadly, relatives report the deaths of **Lois Throop Johnson** and **Elizabeth Mulder Davis** last July. The fall issue of *Wooster* listed **James L. Jamieson**, **W. Wayne Leeper**, and **Charles A. Magill** as others who have left us. The class is diminished by these losses, but we are thankful for their long and illustrious lives. Our condolences to their families.

Phil Correll '75 sends word that his uncle, the husband of **Virginia**

Correll Albanese, died in March. Virginia enjoys calls or cards that speak of "old times." Ask me (**Libby**) how to reach her. What a caring nephew Phil is.

Stan Hoffman and Hill McDonald are working on our 70th reunion and have seven tentative attendees so far. Maybe I'll get to go.

Hill sent some statistics: 326 of us began at Wooster in the fall of 1930 (146 men, 180 women), but only 146 graduated in our Depression-era class. The alumni office last summer listed 78 of us; there are fewer now. Such is life for college classes of long ago. But we are still Wooster '34!

ELIZABETH LAPHAM WILLS, 36500 Euclid Ave. A255, Willoughby, OH 44094.

1935 **Elizabeth Stanton Chamberlain** writes, "Tom Chamberlain and I now live in Bay Village, Ohio. We'd love to hear from classmates." Their address is Bradley Bay Assisted Living, 605 Bradley Rd., Bay Village, OH 44140. **VIOLA STARTZMAN ROBERTSON**, 687 Greenwood Blvd., Wooster, OH 44691-4923, <VSR@aol.com>, and **RAY SHAMEL**, 61 Alcott St., Acton, MA 01720-5540.

1936 Megan Beynon '97 and her grandfather, **Elbridge "Fuzzy" Vance**, recently spent time together in Texas (see photo above).

We sadly report the death of **Genevieve Marsh Seese** (see Obituaries). Genevieve worked tirelessly on behalf of the College, recruiting, organizing events, assisting with fund drives. Someone once asked her why she gave so much time to her alma mater. Genevieve replied, "The air on the College hill is just a little different than anywhere else, and I need that refreshment once in a while."

RALPH GILLMAN, 1256 Lisa Ann Dr., Akron, OH 44313.

1937 In the January 1938 issue of the *Alumni Bulletin*, **Margaret Forman Keys**, then our secretary, threatened that if news were not forthcoming, she would have to improvise. Our (the



Megan Beynon '97 and her grandfather, Elbridge "Fuzzy" Vance '36, fishing in the salt flats of Port O'Connor, Texas

Van Bolts') problem differs — we have more news than there's room for.

Earl '39 and **Ruth Lyle Relph** have moved from Des Plaines, IL, to Crossroads Village, Apt. 209, 6600 Constitution Blvd., Portage, MI 49024, close to daughter Carolyn.

Charles Perelman now lives at Century Village, Rexford A, Apt. 1009, Boca Raton, FL 33434.

Blanche Smith Craig and her sister, **Harriet Smith Fowler '40**, have each taken apartments in the new addition at Friendsview Community Retirement Homes. Both are happy to have prepared meals available. Blanche's address is 1301 Fulton St. No. 162, Newberg, OR 97132.

Our list of classmates in nursing care and no longer taking telephone calls increases. **Harriet Morris Carr's** daughter says that Harriet has been moved to a facility at 6105 North Main St., Dayton, OH 45415.

Our contact with the **Nichol** twins is now through **Elizabeth Nichol Mather's** son. At his request, we mailed Libby's birthday card to him. He recommended that we mail birthday greetings to **Christine Nichol Warner** in care of the Brookside Nursing Home, 1200 Christian St., White River Junction, VT 05001.

Wendell Palm's children arranged a special 90th birthday party. We contributed a page for his memory book.

T. Hill '34 and **Mim Siegfried McDonald's** Christmas card included a photograph of their extended family (14 in all) who attended Hill's 90th birthday party in March 2003.

Daniel Baker is still at work in the Healthcare Administration,

where he has the longest record of continuous employment. He works full-time but on a flexible schedule, nine-hour days with Mondays off, for long weekends in Cape May.

Art Taliaferro says, "Things are the same — still on oxygen." Brother **Bob Taliaferro** is "holding his own."

On her November birthday, **Betty "Lydia" Chandler Gustafson** was in Hawaii, enjoying a vacation with her son, Eric. At home she still works about 30 hours a week doing medical transcription.

Following the recent death of her husband, **Esther Amstutz Edeburn** was not sure that she could make the trip from Ashtabula to her winter home in Texas. We learned that her sister accompanied her and stayed a few days. Esther has many friends in Weslaco, TX, to keep an eye on her.

We appreciated **Ruth Thompson Evans's** Christmas note, which included this: "On page 21 of the fall issue of *Wooster*, you will see, '1935 Wooster Orchestral Society plays in Cleveland and is broadcast on WTAM.' It was my honor to play the first movement of a Tchaikovsky piano concerto for that broadcast. I was a junior at Wooster."

At our suggestion, **Agnes Gifford Brown** wrote about growing up in Iran. She and her twin, Faith, were born in Tabriz, Iran, the youngest of seven siblings. Their father was the principal of a boys school located next door to a compound where several missionary families lived. Seven-foot thick walls surrounded these compounds, which were guarded by gatekeepers. Their mother taught classes for Iranian girls (with their parents' permission, since there were no local

classes for women).

All missionary kids were taught at home, with different adults teaching different subjects. All of the families had native people to help in the house, with the animals (they had their own cows and chickens), and with the children. Agnes had little contact with Iranians, though.

Every five years, missionaries returned to the states for furloughs and health check-ups. When the children had passed elementary school, they were left behind in the States, at places like Wooster. Hence they were known as "Inkies" (for they lived in "incubators.") Agnes says it was rough for missionary kids, getting used to American culture. For a long time, she hated public school. She married another Inkie, Robert A. Brown Jr. '33.

Robert Brigleb, one of the College's most enthusiastic supporters, died Dec. 19 after a long bout with cancer (see Obituaries). Bob was the sports editor of *The Voice* and played an important role as a member of the committee for our 50th anniversary gift to the College, while also serving as class secretary. We talked with him frequently and admired his courage as his health declined. We miss him.

ROGER and MARTHA "MOLLIE" TILOCK VAN BOLT, 2020 Glendale Ave., Flint, MI 48503-2111, phone (810) 233-5107, <rvbmvb@tir.com>.

1938 Since 2001 **Dorothy Longwell Tidd** has lived at Copeland Oaks Retirement Community in Sebring, Ohio. She taught Latin and then was dean of girls at Boardman (Ohio) High School for 20 years. Dorothy's interests are traveling and volunteering with the heart and cancer societies. Her husband died in 1994.

Our sympathy goes to the family of **Dick Bryan**, who died on Nov. 26 in Sun City, AZ (see Obituaries) and to **Gus Zielasko**, in the loss of his brother.

When I (**Jeanne**) was in Florida, I talked to **Carl Ward**. He enjoys driving his Porsche around Vero Beach.

Carl sees **Maryann Fuhrman Smith** and her husband, also Vero Beach residents, at jazz festivals. I

(Jeanne) called Maryan, and we chatted about our families. The Smiths had twin great-grandsons born in Chicago on Jan. 12. On Jan. 31 Maryan and her husband left for the Caribbean on the *Queen Mary*.
JEANNE LYLE KATE, 1256 Delverne SW, Canton, OH 44710.

1939 I (**Sararuth**) have joined the "I Fell Down" club. I landed on my head. I tried to pretend that nothing had happened. When I finally agreed to go to a doctor, the diagnosis favored my opinion: "We don't find anything that your accumulation of birthdays cannot explain!"

Congratulations to **Scott Behoteguy**. If you missed his appearance in the Fall 2003 issue of *Wooster* (page 27), you must catch up with it.

Thanks, **Dean Davies**, for your very positive response to my post card mailing.

The response to the post cards emphasizes that our years do make a difference. The children of **Ernest Bigelow** and **Sidney Menk** report that neither will be able to attend our reunion in June.

Betty Kate Rath suffered a stroke and does not expect to attend the reunion. But she still took part in her granddaughter's wedding. Hang in there!

Margaret Stockdale McCoy has lost a significant degree of vision. She is still active with her favorite committees at Sherwood Oaks in Cranberry Township, PA.

We end on an enthusiastic note: our classmate from France, **Albine Farges Pettrignani**, already has her plane tickets to come to Wooster in June. Her traveling companion, son Maurice, a Jesuit priest, speaks only French. Do we have any French majors who can make his visit pleasant?

SARARUTH MOHUNDRO GRIMES, 6 Branding Iron Ln., Palos Verdes, CA 90274-2501.

1940 Since I (**Florence**) had the opportunity to visit my daughters in Seattle and Albuquerque during the holidays, I decided to make my portion of our column a Western edition. I

talked with two Western classmates from whom we haven't heard in a long time.

Peggy Bost Wilson and I took time for a good chat. Peggy lives in Oceanside, CA. She moved there because her brother, the Rev. Warrant Bost '39, had made it his home. However, she no longer has any family in that city, so she plans to move to Iowa where a grandson now lives. (Peggy became legally responsible for him when he was 15 after his parents were killed.) He has two children, a boy and a girl. Peggy explains, "It will be hard to leave California's warm climate, but I am not going to miss seeing these two children grow up."

In the late 1960s, Peggy went back to school. It was a time of turbulence on college campuses, but she lived through that and earned a social work degree. She then spent six very pleasant years working for the county. Since retiring, she has tutored in an elementary school and worked as a museum docent.

The Rev. Harry '38 and **Jeanne Dille Wooding** moved to California in 1952. After much searching, they bought a home that a young ministerial couple could afford. Jeanne still lives there and remains active in Harry's former church and the community.

We should underline the word active — Jeanne plays tennis at least four times a week, to benefit her body, she says. She plays bridge once or twice a week with friends, to benefit her mind, and she plays violin in a local orchestra, to benefit her soul. Jeanne has five children, five granddaughters, and one grandson. The youngest grandchild is 11. Since Jeanne's family has not strayed very far from Palo Alto, she has the pleasure of watching the grandchildren grow and achieve.



The wedding of Andy Sway '91 and Alissa Kormanik, Oct. 4, 2003. (Left to r) Linda Miller Shively, Jeff Tanner, '91s, bride, groom, Kinta Sippy Alizeo '91.

The class regrets the loss of **Charles "Colonel" Welch** and expresses sincere sympathy to his wife, Margie, and their daughters.

All goes well with **Mike and Helen Smith Kubico**. They have two "smart" grandchildren and two cats, Laverne and Shirley. They say that everyone should at least have one (cat, that is). Mike recently retired from the DuPont Company.

Please note my (Florence's) new e-mail address.

FLORENCE DUNBAR KERR, 52 Ranch Rd., Willoughby, OH 44094-5646, <fkerr02@webtv.net>, and **FRANK THATCHER**, 717 Maiden Choice Ln. #622, Baltimore, MD 21228-6175.

1941 This is your silent secretary, **Jeanne. Jim Blackwood** wrote all of the reports for our class. Then, all of a sudden — silence! Jim's wife, Louise, says that Jim has been seriously ill since December. He's been worried about this column and doesn't think he can continue as secretary. Please send him cards to let him know how much we appreciate the stupendous job he's done for the last seven years! His address is Sunnyside Village, 5110 Grebel Place, Sarasota, FL 34232. Send your news to me

(Jeanne) or to the class notes editor.
JEANNE SIMMONS BRAND, 7093 Village Dr., Mason, OH 45040-9249.

1942 Someone, please send a note or two.

CELIA RETZLER GATES, 1446 Bellevue, Wooster, OH 44691, <rlgcmg@sssnet.com>.

1943 **Jiny Lewis Bradley** spent Thanksgiving and New Year's with **Anne Freeman Conkle** and her stepson. After rooming together for all four years at Wooster, they ended up living near each other in the Seattle area. The highlight of Jiny's year (2003) was a trip back to Ireland with son Loren. Jiny's local Methodist Church celebrated its sesquicentennial, making the year "busy and fun." Jiny also volunteers at a hospital and museum.

Also planning on getting together for Thanksgiving and New Year's were **Anne Harms Cox** and **Jill Walker Thomas**. They keep in close touch and recently enjoyed a concert at Severance Hall in Cleveland.

Anne sent a clipping from the *Plain Dealer* about **Bob August**. He and Marilyn Eccles '44 married in 1943 when Bob was in the Navy. The article says that, the following year, Bob had the most dangerous press beat imaginable. On D-day, he was aboard a ship supporting the first wave landings on Utah Beach. He had to take command of the ship — as a junior officer.

Bob was in China at the end of the war, came home, and got a job as copy boy for the *Cleveland Press*. When that folded in 1982, he started

Research Query

Do you remember **Mary Fletcher '32**? Do you have any interesting stories about her? A few years ago, Mary allowed Sue Schmidt Madick '73 to tape her as she told some stories. Sue is interested in writing about Mary's life but still needs more stories! Please contact her if you can help.
Sue Schmidt Madick, 4439 Millersburg Rd., Wooster, OH 44691 (330) 264-2696

writing for the Lake County *News Herald*, from which he finally retired. Bob and Marilyn have lived in Wooster for quite a long time.

Bob recently retired (again) from his job as a columnist for the *Plain Dealer*. He was quoted as saying, "...it was hard to lose something that had been part of [my] life for so long." He's sure he made the right decision, though. One person writing about Bob says that he ended a "53-year career as one of the most graceful and gifted writers of this — or any other — era." He is a "kind and gentle man and a guiding light to generations of sportswriters."

Lois Wilson Scott spent a lot of last year traveling. In late February she and a friend left for a month for Africa, visiting several countries. In April Lois flew to St. Louis to see her sister, Doris Wilson Blanchard '40. Later, with daughter Vicki Miles Yuen '70, she went on an Elderhostel trip to Canyon de Chelly.

In September Lois and husband Tom spent 26 days in New England, enjoying two bridge tournaments, several museum visits, and the foliage. They went to Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick. Especially interesting was the Bay of Fundy and the Reversing Falls that change with each tide.

When Lois wrote, she had just gotten back from Cuba. In anticipation, she had taken a short course in Spanish, but every time she tried to say something appropriate, it came out French! "Senior moments," she says.

Alice Robbins McVetty-Vars corresponds with Lois. They remember being part of the library science class taught by College librarian Maudie Nesbitt, "one of the most useful and loved experiences at Wooster (along with the serenades!)." Alice and husband Gordon celebrated their 28th anniversary early at a charming madrigal dinner and performance at the Hiram Inn.

Phoebe Houser Hunt and Hu '39 keep busy with Judy, their "daughter in residence," and the Home Heroes (folks from assisted living) — or rather, Phoebe and Hu keep them busy. They both have aches and pains associated with over-80-year-olds, and getting along



The wedding of Emily Connell '97 and Shaun Rafferty '00, June 13, 2003. (Left to r) Sarah DeBacher '97, groom, Dan Howard '98, Alison Denman '97, bride.

without a car makes life difficult. However, they're "both thankful for our blessed help, our friends, and each other."

Last fall the Hunts drove to the annual conference of the Association for Integrative Studies and discussed commonalities between interdisciplinary education as practiced in grades K-12, colleges, and universities. Their annual high point continues to be the Shaw Festival at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

For many years, **Mary Ann Riddle Simon** sent news in her family Christmas letter. This year, her husband, Bob, kindly sent the 2003 letter with the unhappy news of Mary Ann's death on May 3 (see *Wooster*, Fall 2003, Obituaries). They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on a cruise through the Panama Canal. Their sons and friends give Bob lots of support.

On their front door, Mary Ann had a plaque: "Live well, laugh often, love much" — which surely typifies their lives. It is a motto that we could all do well to live by (or, as an English major, I should say "by which we could all do well to live!"). **IDA SNODGRASS ARTHURTON, 1111 Johnsarbor Dr. W., Rochester, NY 14620-3637.**

1944 Male Call this issue went to — who else? — **Roger Stoneburner**, who is to act as emcee for ceremonies at our big June reunion, June 10-13. Prospects for a large turnout look very favorable. I (**Russ**) last spoke with Roger for a Male Call a little over 10 years ago — which shows how long it takes to work through our class members (though, sadly,

it takes less time than it used to).

Roger says he's not moving as well as he did in the past, but he does get around. He's looking forward to seeing y'all (Texan for "youse") in June. Roger and Jean Kely '47 Stoneburner live in the Texas hill country, about 50 miles west of Austin, beautiful country with lots of lakes. They're doing well with respect to great-grandchildren: three already and two on the way.

Roger's roots are in Wooster. Although he doesn't get back there as often as when he was on the board, he stays in close touch. Not many Wooster people live around their current home, however. The nearest is **Anne Melone Deidrick** in Houston. They do see her on occasional Wooster Days.

Jim Thompson hopes to be with us in June. He especially enjoyed the items on music in the fall issue of *Wooster*. He notes, though, "They didn't devote much space to our wonderful 'Pappy Rowe' (Neill Rowe). He played the organ with passion and authority. I would love to have one of our 1940s chapel hymnals because it contained Professor Rowe's version of 'Jerusalem the Golden.' It's so much better than the version in most hymnals." Jim has looked at many hymnals but never found the Wooster version. Can anyone help?

Jim remembers playing in Professor Parmelee's symphony with Grace Ohki Logan '43. He says that she was "a very fine first-chair clarinetist" and characterizes himself, modestly, as a mediocre second.

Hank Miller hopes things work out so that he can join us in June. Complicating things is a trip for him

and **Ginny Clark Miller** to Holland and Belgium in May. But if Hank can incorporate a visit to Wooster into a trip to Connecticut to see his sister, he'll be there.

Ernie Muller also expects to be away for a few weeks, beginning at the end of June, spending time along the Pacific Coast with family from Texas, Oregon, and Washington. Sounds like there's still plenty of room at the start of the month, Ernie! We'll severely miss you if you're not there for roll call.

Paul Churton and his wife, Martha, hope to make it to the campus "around the middle of June." Adjust your calendar, please, Paul. The priority dates are June 10-13. They only qualify as the middle of June if you divide the month up into thirds <grin>. It would definitely be good to see you again.

Bob Johnson wrote from the midst of a snowstorm. You were snowed in about this time last year, too, weren't you, Bob? He planned to get a break from winter with a birding trip to Cozumel and Yucatan in February. He will be with us in June.

Al Linnell is over the top. To quote him, "The main thing I want to say is that I look forward to seeing all the great people from our great class." Who would argue with that? But then he adds that he would vote for me (Russ) for another 20-year term as class secretary. And I was planning to nominate him!

Al Spreng, his wife, their granddaughter, and her Spanish-speaking husband flew to Chile to visit a number of cousins and "see a little geology." For about 30 years, the Sprengs had been invited to visit. They spent a week in Middle Chile, where Al's host cousin lives — a fairly dry area on the south margin of the Atacama Desert. The climate is good for raising avocados, citrus fruit, and truck garden products. The people were most hospitable, and Al found the trip informative.

Around New Year's Al confided that he dreams of someday attending the Vienna New Year's Philharmonic concert. In the meantime he contents himself with watching it on TV. Someday, Al, someday! Everyone who was privileged to see/hear it reported it to be truly wonderful.

Pete and **Mary Hanna** are traveling again. Mary fell a year ago and broke her hip. Now she has pretty well recovered, and they're off and running — to Wooster twice and to Cincinnati and Indianapolis to visit their children and grandchildren. Next to Scottsdale, AZ, for a couple of weeks and then on to San Diego to visit their son and his family. They're particularly anxious to see a grandson (11) whom they haven't seen for a couple of years.

They're planning a fall trip to Italy. Sounds as though their average miles traveled still rates near the head of our class. Pete's looking forward to seeing us all again in June.

John Bender sends jokes from time to time so I (Russ) know his sense of humor is still in place. He sends personal news less often. Last I heard, he's coming in June.

I also plan to be there. My wife is confined to the full-time nursing section of our retirement community, unfortunately, so I'll make the trip solo. Reunion promises to be the highlight of 2004.

We are sorry to report the death of **Don Coates's** wife, Marilyn, on Jan. 21.

ANNE MELONE DEIDRICK, 342 Wycliffe Dr., Houston, TX 77079-7131, <doft@juno.com>, and **RUSSELL HALEY**, 286 Medford Leas, Medford, NJ 08055, <elderguy@medleas.com>.

1945 **Al Kean** informs us of the death of **Jeanne Haffa McKown's** husband, Curt, on Jan. 7. Curt had been in and out of the hospital several times. He always participated enthusiastically at our reunions. We'll miss him. We send sincerest thoughts and sympathies to the family.

In July 2003 **Esther Swinney Frederick** moved from the home where she lived for 42 years to an apartment on a wooded hillside where she can watch the birds and squirrels. Her new address is 209 Hamlet Hills Dr. Apt. 84, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. Esther still comes to Wooster to see Ohio Light Opera shows — five last summer. She and Bill started attending in 1980 when they came to the class reunion.

Bill and **Hope Ringland Benson** sent Christmas greetings.



The wedding of William Drexler '97 and Susan Larson, Aug. 1, 2003. (Back row, left to r) Sara Mickelson Hughes '97, Ben Chalot '98, Chrissy Getrich '97, Dan Parker '98, bride, groom, Andrew Wunderley '97, Jeralyn Vitale Wunderley '94 with Aidan, Vince Dalchuk '98, Roni Jo Rea Dalchuk '97; (Front) Jeff Hughes '97 with Heather, Matt Kacenga '98, Kip Kelly '97.

Bill says they hope to stay "vertical" for a few more years.

Jeanne Swan Garnett and Gordon's holiday letter describes a surprise 80th birthday party given for both of them by their children. It included an elegant lamb dinner complete with a beautiful swan ice sculpture (for "Swannee"), a photographer, a video, a limo ride, and an overnight stay in a 150-year-old mansion turned bed and breakfast.

The Garnetts took their dahlia blooms to show in St. John, New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia, and attended the National Dahlia Show in Akron in September, stopping in Wooster. Jeanne had a total knee replacement the day before Thanksgiving. She's doing well.

Emily Kuhles Infield's husband, Ernie, now resides at the Smithville-Western Care Center in Wooster. He's doing well, as is Emily.

Betty Lou Dickens Neuhart got together with long-time friend Mary Phillippa Lewis '47 recently. (See photo on page 36.)

MARGARET SHREVE REIMAN, 1860 Burbank Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-2170.

1946 A few classmates sent news in holiday letters.

Barbara Bittner Campbell and family spent last spring occupied with bocce, symphony, Habitat for Humanity, church, and writing groups. Their time-share period was

spent in Scottsdale, AZ. Travels also took them to Colorado for a stay in a cabin and a river trip followed by three weeks in Montana.

Barbara and her granddaughter, a recent Oberlin graduate, explored South America. Highlights included watching Quechua and Aymara Indians shepherd their animals, climbing ruins in the sacred valley, including Machu Picchu; and seeing cobalt blue Lake Titicaca and spectacular Iguazu Falls. The trip ended in Santiago.

The most interesting museum they visited was the Museum of Coca. They learned about the cultivation and culture of coca, dating back to Incan times. In Peru and Bolivia, in altitudes of up to 13,000 feet, everyone drinks coca tea to help prevent altitude sickness. It's used medically and spiritually. Coca didn't become a problem until our drug companies began to make potent medicines and cocaine.

Bill '44 and **Patricia Workman Foxx** spent last spring in Florida. The month of July found them in Wooster to celebrate the Ohio Light Opera's 25th anniversary. From there they went to Lake Huron. Lake Chautauqua and Rochester completed the New York visit. They spent four big holidays in the Catskills, then nine weeks in early fall at the family apartment in La Jolla, CA.

The Foxxes write, "Yes, we were in California during the terrible fire storms that began in a forest and

spread overnight to encompass hundreds of homes and destroy most of them. It was fearsome to watch on TV, to have the sky dark and the air filled with smoke and ash for days."

I (**Arol**) also experienced days of falling ash and black soot. I live in a "safe" area in San Diego, fortunately. It was a terrible experience for so many families in three major fire areas in the county.

Bill and Pat went to Tucson after California and then to Oregon.

LaVerne Zavala McDonough lives in Ramona, CA, near the Cedar and Paradise fires. Her home was untouched though the fires almost surrounded it. "Highways and freeways were closed; the fires were jumping the roads," she says. "The streets in Ramona were almost deserted....Many friends had to evacuate; some lost their homes, trailers, sheds, garages, and cars. None lost animals." Many animals in the area were taken to shelters and stables throughout the county.

In January LaVerne planned to move to a new home on a hillside lot in a retirement community, Stone Ridge (on the map, it is indicated as Sunrise Summit). Her new address is 35109 Highway 79 #136, Warner Springs, CA 92086. She retired last March from her job at the Viejas Casino, near Alpine, CA.

LaVerne visited her brother, Don Zavala '45, in St. Simons Island, GA and helped him celebrate his 80th birthday in November. On the way



Oscar Olson '45 and Ralph Donaldson '47 reunited on Sept. 29, 2003, in Boston.

home, she stopped over in Cleveland, drove to Wooster, and lunched with **Ruth Mast Steimel** at the Wooster Inn, where she was introduced to Stan and Florence Kurtz Gault, '48s. La Verne says her "return back to Wooster brought back a flood of memories... The campus is as beautiful as always."

Back in sunny California, LaVerne saw Margery Strom Leonard '45 at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Tustin in December. LaVerne used to sing in the choir there.

Your secretary (**Arol**) still sings with the San Diego Master Chorale, thanks to the wonderful training by Eve Richmond (music). I've done so for almost 37 years. In December we gave four performances of the *Messiah* with our local symphony. A weekend in January kept us busy with two performances of works by an array of contemporary and living composers at the Salvation Army Joan B. Krock Performing Arts Center and other venues. One selection was an interesting tango arrangement by Astor Piazzola, a favorite of Wooster's music department chair, Bryan Dykstra, according to the fall 2003 issue of *Wooster*. **AROL NOBLE ESCAMILLA**, 4974 Dafter Dr., San Diego, CA 92102-1362, phone/fax (619) 262-2128.

1947 An SOS from **Cornie**, and a looming deadline had me (**Dede**) trying to track down our round-robin correspondents as a source of information.

A phone call to **Dorothy Campbell Hallett** found her recovered from last September's broken ankle, which kept her from attending a Jane Austen gathering in England. In early January Dorothy was marooned temporarily by an ice storm, unusual for the Northwest, that brought down a number of

trees across her road.

Linda Wells Ellsworth and Dick wrote about the 45th anniversary celebration of Dick's ordination and installation as pastor of the then newly-organized Central College Presbyterian Church in Columbus. They are still there, living in Hebron. The small sanctuary that was the original church is now known as Ellsworth Chapel.

Marilyn Anderson Williams, back on her feet after a knee replacement, reports that daughter Cindy '75 is "still living among the moose in Alaska trying to save the trees of America with her research grants." Cindy lives in Fairbanks and keeps track of how fast the forests are disappearing. A scary thought.

Also living in Fairbanks is **Jean "Bunny" Eberling Beek's** grandson, Josh Cohen, a freshman at the U of Alaska. A plea to Bunny, to whom I traced the round-robin, elicited an e-mail from husband Allan, saying that Bunny's son, Nat, and his daughter, Lauren, had just moved in with them from Alaska. He wrote, "The folk dance festival, which includes a party at our house, is bearing down on us. I am training speakers for California's universal health care bill, incorporating the Laguna Folkdancers into a 501(c)(3) corporation, and helping Nat with a report."

Bunny phoned later with other news. Her son, Jack Harrington, was at the epicenter of the earthquake that struck Paso Robles, CA. A 1,000 pound boulder crashed into the house he'd built. He had no water for a week.

Vivian Douglas Smith and Dave, traveling with daughter Megan, visited Bunny and Allan as well as former neighbors in Oregon.

Liz Webster Van Wagoner sent along a few notes gleaned from Christmas letters. The highlight of

last year, Liz says, was the March wedding of granddaughter Laura, daughter of John '72. The whole family was there, including grandson Adam '04.

Liz Ann Jacobs Atkins and Jim were in Mexico during February and March, no doubt glad to leave snowy New England. They have bought a house with their daughter, Amy, at 42 Chestnut St., 1st Floor, Fairhaven, MA 02719.

Ev '48 and Martha "Kentuck" Stoll '49 Ballard delayed their return to Sanibel Island, FL, in spite of the cold, to attend a Louisville Orchestra concert on Jan. 18 conducted by their "adopted son," Charles Floyd. The Ballards will have two grandsons entering college this fall.

Anne Austin Murphy writes, "**Myra Vandersall Siegenthaler** and I began to reconnect in the 1980s and have been traveling companions on several memorable trips — most recently, to Paris and on the Seine River cruise. Myra's French is so good that I felt content to smile sweetly and gesture to her any time I was addressed in French. (I would do the same for her in German.)"

Oscar Olson '45 and **Ralph Donaldson**, former Douglass Hall roommates, entered the College in 1941. Both went off to WWII after their freshman year and returned to the College when they came home. Oscar "Oley" became a minister and retired as a chaplain from St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, DC, in 1981. Ralph became a research meteorologist and retired in Massachu-

setts. They had no contact with each other until a few years ago.

Last September, when Oley and his wife, Sally Wade '46 Olson, went on a cruise to Nova Scotia, they got together with Ralph and his wife, Denny, while docked in Boston (see photograph on this page).

Elizabeth Peebles '05, the granddaughter of Oley and Sally, spent the fall 2003 semester in a studio arts program with the Great Lakes Association in NYC.

We (the Seaton) have a grandson, Tim, the son of Paul and Kathy Lull Seaton '73, who's checking out colleges for 2005. Tim's sister, Kara, a junior at Bates College, was a finalist in the NCAA diving championships last year in Atlanta and this year in St. Louis. We're so thankful that daughter-in-law Barbara Scrivner Seaton '75 has recovered from last year's heart surgery.

An SOS to **Janis Gladden Baus**: I (Cornelia) hit the wrong key on my mail station, and lost four letters, one of which was yours. Please write again soon. To any others whom I have erased with one fell swoop, please forgive me.

Last year **Bob and Ann Haggerty MacPherson** traveled to Boston, the Mississippi Valley, and the Chicago Art Venue, in addition to their three weeks in Russia.

Ann is grateful for a correspondence that she struck up at our 50th with **Gloria Heym** and **Don Fluke**. Did you know that Don and **Ruth "Swannee" Swan Steffen** are cousins? Or that Don has published a memoir, *Singletree*, set in Ashland

Lifelong friends Betty Lou Dickens Neuhart '45 and Mary Philippa Lewis '47 in Alexandria, Virginia



County farmland, near Wooster? Tell us more, Don!

Last year was good and bad for Dick and Ruth Steffen. Ruth had a double knee replacement last July. The good part was that her three daughters took turns as caretakers for over four weeks. Dick was diagnosed with Parkinsonism last May (similar to Parkinson's but without tremors). He's getting along, "now that he can admit he's not 70," Swannee says.

The Steffens did some traveling before they had to slow down. They expressed the wish, as many of you did, that "all faiths who believe in one God would put into practice their universal belief in peace."

Helen "Beegie" Guinther

Budd says her biweekly water exercise classes have kept her going for the last 24 years — to bridge games, local elder classes, out to lunch, and ushering at Cleveland's premier venue, Playhouse Square Center — for *Blast*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *Chicago*, the Kirov Ballet, and *The Nutcracker*, for starters.

Beegie didn't get abroad last summer, but she attended an Elderhostel at Ghost Ranch and in Santa Fe. She made it to her 60th high school reunion and wonders if we'll make it to our College 60th. "Everyone seems to be growing older. Let's hope!" she declares.

Among others, we've watched **Barbara Eicher Thomas's** grandchildren grow up: a handsome set. Like most of us, the Thomases have begun to lose friends and relatives and to face the ups and downs of the "golden years."

But no one dwells on them in their letters. You brighten our lives with shared memories, pictures of grandchildren, and gratitude for the aches and pains you *don't* have and the company of long-time friends.

Marilyn Cordray Lilley wrote to confirm our news of the death of her husband, Virgil, on Sept. 9, after a 13-year battle with Parkinson's. "He was a very special husband, father, and grandfather," she wrote, "a true gentleman."

Another Marilyn, **Marilyn "Andy" Anderson Williams**, has joined the hip replacement list. In 2003 she had her fifth surgery in



The marriage of Christian Hunter '01 and M. Colleen Cameron '02, Aug. 23, 2002. (Back row, left to right) Jim Wicker '02, Patrick Waits '99, D. Kevin Cameron '76, Peter Kurty '00, Matthew Anderson '99, D. Bryant Cameron '05, Dan Bartha, S. Corey Humphrey, Nicole Solar, '03s, John Kelly '02, Nick Chiorian '01, John Ellenwood '00, Amy Johnson '01, Peg Weissbrod Marunowski '79; (Third row) Aaron Shear '01, Nathan Schiffrik '99, Leah Montesano '98, Liza Cameron Eckstein '75, Christina Stenzel, Greta Dishong, Andrea Martin, '02s, Lindsey Howell '04, Abbi Sanford '01; (Second row) Molly Dulmage '01, Kathleen McNeill Cameron '74, bride, groom, Meredith Hunter '04, Jane Smith '03, Kaushik Rathi '00; (Front) Meghan Cameron '06, Mandy Cornell Anderson '01, J. Jeffery Cameron '74, J. Scott Cameron, Jess Maier, '01s

seven years but is still rolling along, although more slowly now. She spent three weeks last summer at her cottage in Northfield, ME, with friends furnishing transportation. Marilyn is thinking of moving from her home in Westbury, NY, giving herself two years to do it. "Any advice?" she asks. She joins Cornie, Swannie, and many others of you in prayers for peace this year.

Bill and **Helen Willier Disser's** Christmas letter arrived on a cold January day. Helen had surgery last April but was able to join Bill on many flights last year. Most memorable was a commercial flight from San Francisco to New York and then to London on one of the last Concorde flights, for a 16-day visit in England. They came home on the *Queen Elizabeth II*.

They spent the first week of September in the Albany, NY, area visiting the Disser clan and being feted at a golden anniversary party. Their last trip of the year, not including Bill's solo flights, was to Portland for Christmas with daughter Barbara.

We just received word that our deeply esteemed classmate, **Art Palmer**, died on Nov. 25, 2003 (see page 62). He was the student body president and later worked in the College administration. Art contributed to the places where he lived, in a long list of endeavors, almost to the end of his life.

As a class, we may have personal tributes to Art and his wife, Rosemary Pierce Palmer '48. If you have something to share, please send it to Dede and **Ron Seaton**, at the address below. From the whole class, we send our deepest sympathy to the family. Rosemary's address is 2815 Lowell Ave., Lima, OH 45805.

CORNELIA LYBARGER NEUSWANGER, 32148 Hwy. 34, Wray, CO 80758, <cornelia1@mailstation.com>, and **EDITH BENDER SEATON**, 102 Greenbrier Dr., Hinton, WV 25951, <ronedseaton@citynet.net>.

1948 We were saddened to learn of the death of Dick Garton '42, the husband of **Janet Jensen Garton**. Janet and Dick recently moved from Santa Fe, NM, to Billings, MT, close to their family. The class sends its deepest sympathy.

We were also sorry to learn of the death of **Dick Hollingsworth's** wife and extend our deepest condolences to Dick and his family.

Mal and Jean Malkin Boggs have left the warmth of Virginia and moved to the challenging weather of Niskayuna, NY. Jean reports that it's worth it to be near family.

Donajean Swartz Durkin and her husband went the other direction, leaving the cold north to spend the winter in Florida.

Birdie Lawrence Frey still lives in Indianapolis. Husband Dick reports that Birdie is now in charge

of "flower-scaping" the garden area at their new church site, heading a crew of volunteers. Birdie sings in the choir, enjoys Classic Coffee Series performances of the Indianapolis Symphony, and is in two Bible study groups. In her spare time, she manages the Frey empty nest.

Esther Stottle Harris reports that **Jeanne Ferver Krynicki** is in a nursing home in Cheswich, PA. Esther regrets missing our 55th reunion. Next time, Esther.

Looking forward to the next reunion is **Ruth Neff Daniels**. Ruth's new bowling partner is Clare Robinson Walker '47.

"I am never bored and never get everything done," reports **Kathy Fravel Funk**. She swims daily, has a wonderful group of friends to keep her occupied, and continues to enjoy life in Sarasota, FL.

Geri Rice Burden and Bill '49 had a busy 2003, visiting Hawaii, Alaska, and Wooster (for our 55th reunion). The wedding of one grandson and the high school graduations of two others also gave the year some special spice.

Ella "Skippy" Pierson Craig and husband Bob of Chester, CT, had a wonderful luncheon reunion with the Boggess. Now that Jean and Mal have moved to the Schenectady, NY, area, they can easily meet the Craigs halfway in Massachusetts.

I (**Betsy**) was glad to learn that my hometown buddy, **Pat Culp**,



Last September senior roommates (from left) Mary Jean Bennett Clouse, Jane Beal Roth, and Betsy Jones Hayba, '49s, and their husbands, Ellis, John, and Frank, got together in Columbus, Ohio. A man in the restaurant stopped by their table and said, "Nobody should have that much fun!"

who lives in winter-chilly Maine, still sings, in her church choir. Pat and I stood alto-to-alto in our church choir and high school chorus.

Liz Baker Benson has been watching the new College dorm, Bornhuetter Hall, being built. Following a new pacemaker for Rhoe Benson '47 and Liz's cataract surgery, they are doing just fine.

I have just finished reading **Judy Seelye Karow's** book, *Like the Gods* (Black Walnut Press, 2003) and found it interesting and thought provoking. Judy lives in Florida and has three grown children and one grandchild.

The December earthquake was centered about 40 miles from us (the Sprenkles). I did NOT enjoy standing in my house with the chandelier swinging in a threatening manner, the grandfather clock pendulum banging against the glass sides, and every loose item falling to the floor. However, not one thing was broken!

See page 64 for some Class of 1948 memories.
BETSY COWLES SPRENKLE, 380 S. Las Flores Dr., Nipomo, CA 93444-9629, <sprengle@best1.net>, and **MEL SNYDER McDONALD**, 30507 Rue de la Pierre, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, <melmacrpy@cox.net>.

1949 Our 55th reunion is right around the corner, June 10-13. I hope that many of you will return to Wooster and celebrate the years with us. It is going to be a good weekend. Come, join us, and you'll be glad you did.

Some of you included me

(Evelynn) in your Christmas letters and wishes. I read and reread them throughout the year. Many thanks.

Bob Mabbs tells of the death of his dear wife, Alice, in January in Sioux Falls, SD. Not many of the class had the privilege of meeting Alice. My husband, Bob, and I did meet her, and it was truly a joy.

Bob and Alice met on a ship going to Egypt to be missionaries. Alice was appointed to Omdurman, Sudan. Following their marriage in 1951, she worked in the Laubach Literacy and Literature Projects for the Presbyterian Mission in Cairo, Egypt. Upon returning to the U.S., she became a teacher and later was a geriatric social worker. She also was a painter and had wonderful oil paintings and watercolors throughout their home. Bob's address is 4510 Prince of Peace Pl., Laurel Oaks 211, Sioux Falls, SD 57103-5859.

Alison Gay Biddle and Dick Gist took many trips last year. In January they went to New Zealand, and they traveled to Washington, DC, and then to Santa Fe for family affairs. Their most unusual adventure occurred in Ecuador. They attended the Oikocredit International meeting in Quito, with visits to the spectacular highlands and an excursion to the Galapagos. They also traveled separately, Dick to Washington, DC, for Oikocredit meetings and Alison to Nicaragua, to visit friends and the work of El Porvenir, an organization that helps bring water via wells, latrines, and lavaderos to rural people. At home

the Gists swim, work out at the gym, and play in the church English handbells choir.

Dorothy Swan Reuman writes of the diagnosis of her daughter, Ann, with breast cancer. Dorothy has gone down to Boston every other week since July and has enjoyed the extended time with Ann, a gift and a blessing, even with up and down days. Dorothy writes of her family's gratitude to the many people, family, friends, and strangers, who have reached out to help. She writes, "We can be grateful for the voices that speak out for peace. May the New Year be one of peace for you all." She plans to see all of us at the reunion.

Golfers **Corine Wissman Brown** and Larry continue their three-part life: summers at Crystal Lake, MI; Captiva, FL, in February and March; and back to Willoughby, Ohio, for the spring and fall. They celebrated the birth of their first great-grandchild in March.

Mary Jean Bennett Clouse and Ellis tell of their activities. MJ still enjoys part-time office work at The Siekmann Co. Both of them are active at Worthington United Methodist Church, Upper Arlington Senior Center, and their condo association activities. Ellis's back surgery last January was most successful. He has resumed some tours and travel planning, visiting the Canadian Rockies and Chateau Isabella in July.

One last word from the Clouses, "Our boxes are not yet emptied from our move seven years ago, but we're making progress. Our babbling brook is still running 24/7, and we are able to move, sometimes a bit slowly, but moving just the same."

My (Evelynn's) big news is that Bob and I moved to Pagosa Springs, CO, about 30 miles from our son, James, and his family. We bought a new home with a million-dollar view of the San Juan Mountains, and we sold the Riverside, CA, family home.

We hope to be snowbirds from January to March after this year, going to California, Arizona, and other warm places. In February Pagosa Springs had three feet of snow — a real change for this Californian.

We shall certainly miss our church friends, choir, and Presbyterian women activities but not the congestion of California. Our advice is: get rid of your stuff now! Even after thinning out our possessions, we'll probably still have too much. What a chore! But we are trying.

Come and visit. The guest room will always be available. If you are skiers, Wolf Creek Ski area gets around 435 inches of snow per year!

Gwyneth Davies Dunn and Stan announced that great-grandson John Douglas Petro has arrived. His dad is in the Coast Guard stationed in Norfolk, VA, so Gwyneth and Stan can see John fairly easily.

Jackie Tucker Hornbeck writes, "My two cats and I are three old ladies living contentedly in the country." She mentions that they have lots of snow, and she loves it. After having both knees replaced, she is now free of knee pain.

Maudie Snyder Beuter and Bob look forward to our 55th reunion. They had a summer trip to Alaska and then Bob spent the fall recovering from kidney surgery. They keep busy with church activities, travel, and enjoying the grandchildren.

Betsy Jones Hayba is writing a murder mystery novel — 69,000 words about a disappearing corpse, a mystery that is solved by senior citizens. She's been told that one should write about what one knows. Betsy knows nothing about murder, but a lot about living in a senior situation! Let us know when it is published.

Bob Herst was diagnosed with stomach cancer last April. Through an amazing connection of physician friends and their colleagues, and God's grace, his surgery was scheduled in May in Rochester. Due to heart problems and other complications, Bob spent 22 days in the hospital. All the children of Bob and **Jeanne Tuttle Herst** and some of their foster families came to support them. Upon Bob's return home, his daughter, Debbie, the resident R.N., and chef Rick tried to help Bob regain some of the 50 pounds he lost. For Christmas the Hersts were able to be with their daughter's family in Kansas.

Throughout the ordeal, a wonderful network of love and support

surrounded the Hersts, for which they are eternally grateful. It gives us a renewed appreciation for our extended family and our faith family, the skill of surgeons, nurses, and local health services, but especially the power of prayer. Jeanne writes, "In every struggle there are hidden blessings, and we feel greatly blessed."

Jeanne attended the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville and met Sister Joan Chittester, an incredible peace and justice seeker from the Benedictines in Erie, PA. The Hersts have two great-grandchildren (9 and 5 1/2). Jeanne wonders if she and **Alena Hromadka Zikmundova** have the oldest great-grandkids among our classmates.

Carol Musson Creviston had knee surgery in December so that she could be completely well for our reunion. She and Dick plan to come.

It is so much fun to hear from all of you. Keep up the good work, and we'll see you in June. Love to all!

EVLYNN CHEADLE THOMAS, 169 Bayview Circle, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, <eethomas@mailbug.com>.

1950 Christmas cards brought news of classmates, but my (Jay's) circle of correspondents is shrinking. Please write during the year, too, so that we can catch glimpses of more of you!

We continue to have busy, fulfilling lives, sharing time with family far and near, volunteering, working, studying, and taking trips to Elder-hostels. Many of us help with Meals on Wheels, while my "thing" is to help prepare Kids Café, daily meals for up to 1,000 through our local food bank.

Charles and Ann Reid Poling are among those who enjoy having children and grands nearby. Ann had knee surgery last winter and recovered well. Then Charles had disc trouble last summer and fall. Both of them help at their church.

Charles and Nancy Herbst Sechrest took their fifth annual Caribbean cruise last winter and anticipated number six after



Attention, Class of 1951! If you are the first person to identify the 14 classmates in this photo, you will receive a box of delicious, exotic, chocolate-covered, Hawaiian macadamia nuts. The winner must be present at our 55th reunion in 2006 to receive the prize.

Christmas. That was followed by visiting friends and family in Michigan, Indiana, Massachusetts, and states in between. These trips included college graduations for two grandchildren, going to the Boston Symphony, making Thanksgiving visits to three children in New England, and receiving Christmas visits from the other three. Nancy and Charles have worked with Meals-on-Wheels for 20 and 15 years respectively.

For **Dave and Pat Hawk Clyde's** big family reunion last year, 18 came together at a dude ranch near Cody, WY, where they reprised their 50th anniversary celebration there in 2000. Probably some of the "babes in arms" in 2000 mounted horses on the family trail ride this time!

One card this holiday season brought sad news, along with its joyful wishes. **Barbara Cross Cameron**, who was in and out of the hospital for several months with four back surgeries, has been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis. Our prayers are with you, Barbara. **JANICE WILSON GEORGE**, 19476 N. Coyote Lakes Pkwy., Surprise, AZ 85374.

1951 I (**Ruth Ann**) had the good fortune to call **Avie Bird Myers** the evening of the day that she and her husband, Jim, had taken a spur-of-the-moment trip to the Wooster campus following their church service in Canton. After lunch at the Wooster Inn, they

parked near Kauke and heard music from the direction of McGaw Chapel. They soon learned that it was Family Weekend and that there was a band concert in the chapel. Avie describes the band members in their yellow and gold tartans as "beautiful to behold."

Avie and Jim were thrilled by the pipes and drums as the players made their dramatic entrance and thoroughly enjoyed the dancers. Avie was filled with wonderful memories of being on the campus more than half a century before. She even saw current students who reminded her of her own classmates. They agreed it was a "most wonderful day!"

Avie's activities include participation in a bridge group, Garden Club, and church groups. Avie and Jim enjoy the theater and concerts in Cleveland, annual trips to Washington, DC, time in Virginia visiting Jefferson's Monticello, Madison's Montpelier, and Monroe's Ashlawn, along with other historic spots.

Our traveling **Marge MacArdle Baur** enjoyed a 10-day trip with friends to Nova Scotia, including driving the Cabot Trail. She said that the memorial at Peggy's Cove honoring the victims of the Swiss Air crash was very moving and worth the trip by itself. On Prince Edward Island, they visited the *Anne of Green Gables* house.

Marge was in Michigan for Thanksgiving with her sister and brother-in-law, Carolyn MacArdle and Ted Fredley, '53s. She then went to Portland, OR, to be with children

and grandchildren. Back in California, Marge enjoyed a trip to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art to see the Marc Chagall exhibit at its only venue in the U.S.

In the fall Marge enrolled in a local university program for seniors, taking Major and Minor Masterpieces of the 20th Century, Notable Trials of the 20th Century, and The Future of Religion in America.

In the Jan. 1, 2004, edition of the *Hartford Courant*, Pat Seremet recalled notable Connecticut people who had died in the past year. Entitled "Books were His Passion," the article read, in part: "**William Keifer**, founder of the *Wethersfield Post*, reporter for the late *Hartford Times*, then *The Courant*, died in December at 74. He opened the John Steele Book Shop in 1982 in Hartford, moved it to Collinsville, and then to an 1819 home on the Litchfield Green. Literary conversations would abound among the thousands of antique and second-hand books. So here's to the bibliophile." (See Obituaries.)

Ruth Campbell Ackerman continues to recover from hip surgery. Her husband, Stewart, began hunting season by getting two deer behind their property, providing plenty of venison to share.

Clarence Ammons works at the Georgetown Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, a demanding post. He's ready to try retirement when this assignment ends.

Chuck '49 and **Heather Beck Southwick** continue to be well in



The wedding of April Elsea '96 and Rick Vince Jr., Aug. 23, 2003. (Left to r) Laura Fernbach Wright, Andrea Deceilio Tramuto, '96s, bride, groom, Melia Arnold, Erin Balsat Speicher, '96s, Steve Wright '99

Boulder, CO. Their busy travel year included several trips to Maine, New York, Maryland, and Washington for wonderful visits with family and friends. In February, after seeing friends in Florida, they went to Puerto Rico and other islands, visiting Caribbean Primate Research Stations. In June Heather and Chuck drove to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone. Jim Halfpenny, a long-time friend, took them into Lamar Valley in Montana to look for wolves and grizzlies. A wonderful visit with Carol and Juan Spillet followed, on their Idaho ranch. In August the Southwicks attended the annual conference of the American Society of Primatologists in Calgary, Alberta, visiting Banff and Lake Louise.

Art Merrill and his wife, Margaret Morris, also traveled a lot. Last February they drove from Minnesota to Florida and toured all of the art galleries on Sanibel and Captiva Islands. During tax time, Art helped with AARP tax aid in Grand Rapids. July was the usual wonderful month of family and friends at the lake, sailing and fishing. Art's grandson, Charlie, caught 27 fish in one day, surely some sort of record.

In August and September, the Morrisses had a wonderful ship and land cruise to Alaska. In Denali National Park they saw spectacular Mt. McKinley. The return trip took them by plane from Fairbanks to Seattle and back to Minnesota by train.

Art and Margaret are planning a June 2004 trip to Stockholm to visit Art's son, Bob, and his wife, Gwen.

They send wishes to classmates for "journeys...filled with new awareness of people and the world around us."

Ann Menold Kenney reports that Courtney, the oldest of three grandchildren, is spending her junior year in France.

Ned and Nancy Kassebaum Johnson were filled with joy and gratitude that they were together to celebrate another holiday season. Ned has had more than his share of "events," but he feels well and keeps a positive attitude. Between his electric scooter and crutches, he manages to remain very independent.

Their family continues to be a source of joy. The grandchildren are now young adults: the youngest graduates from high school this June, the oldest graduated from UCLA last June. She works in the Washington office of their congresswoman and loves it. Ned and Nancy's wish for the years ahead — to share peace, joy, and friendship with the rest of the world. Nancy says, "As we become more judgmental in our Americanism and Christianity, we need so badly to open up and work at accepting the world's diversity."

Ann Kershner Wood enjoys hiking, camping, and birding. She and her husband, Bill, winter in Arizona and Mexico. Ann did some wonderful birding in southern Arizona at Patagonia Lake State Park. She was thrilled to see the Elegant Trogon, a goal of most birders. She also spent three days camping in the Black Rock Desert with two other women. The trio tented,

saw bleak and beautiful uninhabited country, and nearly got their four-wheel-drive vehicle stuck in a creek. Ann had visions of the headline, "Four Elderly Women Missing in the Black Rock Desert."

Last year also included a family reunion in Colorado Telluride. Ann and Bill pass on this travel tip: they discovered a bakery in Ouray that produced baguettes as good as any they had in France. Back home in Reno, NV, Ann works at the library, takes classes from the Eldercollege, and hikes.

Carol Hansen Carlson and husband Jack report on their life in two locations. Winters in Mesa, AZ, include bridge, water volleyball, knitting, entertaining, and church going. In Rochester, MN, the list varies a bit, with golf, gardening, camping, boating, and attending band concerts and plays, as well as less appealing things, such as snow.

Jack had a second knee replacement and is doing well. A particular joy for Carol was the productivity of last year's vegetable and flower gardens. She has discovered, as has your secretary (Ruth Ann) that the colorful miniature snapdragon will bloom and re-bloom and appears impervious to the frost.

In the wonderful year-end communications and photos from classmates, this year's family photo award goes to Elliot and **Florence Reeder Morrison** for their ingenious way of identifying the family subgroups. Members of individual families were attired in tie-dyed t-shirts of a given color while Florence and Elliot wore

shirts containing all of the colors.

The photo was taken in the British Virgin Islands, where the Morrisons, their five children and their spouses, and all 11 grandchildren gathered. Florence writes, "After two days on Tortola, we boarded a Trimaran sailboat for six days, in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. Our family just fit in the 10 staterooms. What fun we had sailing, snorkeling, scuba diving, water skiing, eating, and being waited on!"

Florence chairs the Presbyterian Women Churchwide Gathering planning team for the July event in Louisville. She also chairs her presbytery's committee on ministry, serves on the new synod council, and edits the newsletter for the presbytery's women's group. Family holiday gatherings included time in Missoula, MT, and Richland, WA.

Bill Hendrickson writes, "I had a most interesting experience recently, on behalf of Wooster. The College asked me to represent Wooster at the inauguration of Dr. Johnnetta Cole as the new president of Bennett College, a small college in Greensboro, NC. Bennett is one of only two colleges for black women in the U.S. Until she retired several years ago, Dr. Cole had been president of the other school, Spellman College.

"The inauguration itself was an experience to be long remembered. I marched in full academic regalia with representatives from 140 institutions, lined up in order of their founding, beginning with Harvard and ending with a Boston school founded in 1993. There were prayers, speeches, music, and an afternoon lunch. In the audience and on the dais were congressmen, college presidents, and many local notables.

"Dr. Cole spoke at a Wooster commencement more than a decade ago and received an honorary degree from Wooster in 1991. She is widely known as a dynamic leader and a moving force in higher education. It was quite a day. **Sally Rhine Hendrickson**, who was in the audience, was as moved as I was."

Bill, as an exemplary representative of our class, you will be awarded a most delicious Hawaiian pineapple

at our 55th reunion.

Dave and Mary Billett MacMillin, "who were making a southern swing," visited the Hendrickses. They all got together with **Web and Nancy Bachtell Lewis** "for dinner and an evening of chatter."

Remember the tornado that hit Wooster last November? Here is an eyewitness account from **Walt Grosjean**. "Last Wednesday (Nov. 12), a tornado tore through Wooster, causing about \$15 million in damage. However, almost no houses were destroyed, and no one was hurt, which is a miracle. It was about 150 feet wide and landed in our backyard and our neighbor's backyard, destroying about 33 shade trees. It then miraculously lifted up (less than 300 feet from our house) over the neighbor's house and ours and settled down in a city park, where it caused havoc. Neither house had any damage!"

I (**Mas**) was very pleased to receive an e-mail from **Alice Romig McCune** recently, addressed to "51 Classmates." Alice writes, "Bob and I SO enjoyed our 50th reunion! My wheelchair time with my injured foot was brief. We downsized last summer by moving to the apartment of 'the house that Bob built' (on days off, while he was pastoring a church in Ithaca, NY).

"For the winter, we're in Texas, spending the first months in our motor home, parked in our son's yard in Austin. Later, we'll do a work project with NOMADS (Numerous Old Methodists Avoiding Deep Snow) at a church camp. Then, we'll leisurely sightsee and drive to Florida and be home for spring — a great way to spend retirement."

Bill Metzger and his wife, Jean, went to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for two weeks. Bill writes that the Villa del Palmar "exceeded our expectations," with three swimming pools, one adjacent to the beach, all with sufficient chairs, lounges, and umbrellas.

Bill listed 14 observations. One was, "Everybody is selling something. Peddlers on the beach sell silver, toys, clothing, and muffins. In town, agents are in your face: 'Come into my store.' 'What are you doing tomorrow? Take a tour.' 'I'll give you

The wedding of
Doug Dawson '96
and Allison Millsap,
Aug. 30, 2003.
(Back row, left to r)
John Puster '92, Eric
Burkhart '96, Zach
Lyman '97; (Front)
Melissa Puster,
groom, bride, Anne
Overton Lyman '97



\$200 up front if you'll go to a presentation for a timeshare.' On our last day, an agent asked us, 'What are you doing tomorrow,' to which I replied, 'We're going home.' He said, 'You're lying. That's what they told you to say at the hotel.'"

John and Carol Rustemeyer Talbot of Nokomis, FL, took "a wonderful trip to Europe, saw the Scandinavian capitals and St. Petersburg, and visited our cousins in Switzerland" last July. They continue, "We went swimming in the Rhine River. Carol even interviewed a pastor in London! It was a much-needed time for reflection." Carol was chair of the pulpit nominating committee of their church. The pulpit was vacant for 19 months, but they finally have a new pastor.

Carol reports, "John continues to work on rehabilitation. Swimming has been very helpful. He has put away the cane and has a nearly smooth gait..." We expect John to be completely recovered by our 55th reunion, and we may schedule a potato sack relay race in his honor.

President **Don Van Cleef** sends 55th class reunion news: "I got an enthusiastic 'yes' from Sandy Eyre '94, the director of alumni relations, when I asked if the alumni office would support a 55-year reunion for our class. She said that there would be a Scots Forever Dinner for all alums beyond their 50th, but that we could arrange any other types of activities we would like for our class, with alumni office assistance." See

more details in the next issue.

Bill Lankton tells us that **Jon R. Waltz** died on Jan. 9 in Holland, MI. In his senior year, Jon was a member of Congressional Club and the political science honorary and served as the feature editor of *The Voice* and secretary of Fourth Section. He graduated with honors and earned a law degree from Yale U. Watch for an obituary in a future issue.

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1952 Bob and Ginny Kenan Young have moved from their Cleveland Heights home of 37 years to Breckenridge Village in Willoughby, Ohio. They have a ranch home and love one-floor living. In June they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, spending a week with family in a cottage on Keuka Lake in New York.

Harry and **Jeanne Babcock Carley** had a busy 2003. In February they attended a church conference in Washington, DC. The Carleys attended granddaughter Emilia's graduation from Lewis and Clark College in the spring. While in Oregon, they took in an Elderhostel in the Columbia Gorge, with classes on wildflowers, geology, and the history of the old Columbia River Highway. They also had a brief visit with **Marge Lusher Covey**.

Although involved in many

church and community volunteer activities, the Carleys still find time for square dancing and sailing. They enjoyed visits from **Lila Pittenger McCleary** and **Tina MacNair Hair** at their home on the lake. Granddaughter Rachel '07 plans to major in international relations and study Chinese.

Bill and Liz Blumberg '53 Hubbarth feel lots better and are "on the road" again. They had a trip to Baja at Thanksgiving and plan a cruise around South America.

Jim Hornaday is recertifying for his part-time lifeguarding "second career." He heartily urges all of us to follow a good diet and get vigorous exercise so that we live into our 90s with strength, energy, and endurance. **NANCY CAMPBELL BROWN**, 1220 Portage Rd., Wooster, OH 44691-2042, and **WARREN M. SWAGER JR.**, P. O. Box 955, Sheridan, MT 59749-0555, <wswager@3rivers.net>.

1953 And the beat goes on, this time with class members gathering in Florida under the aegis of **Mark and Priscilla Gallinger Allen** and **Tom and Gloria Hughart**. The Holiday Inn in Sarasota came alive on Jan. 19 with 27 members of the Class of '53, spouses, and friends. **Ron Price** and **Bev Inge** reported briefly on the College, but most of the time was spent catching up on folks gathered there, many of whom did not attend the June reunion.

Practical Peacemaking

by Betty Morrison Dodson '53

At last summer's Presbyterian Peacemaking Conference, I learned about the Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), people who go into areas of conflict and try to reduce the violence. I soon applied and was accepted to go with a group sent by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and CPT to Palestine in October.

Before I left the States, people expressed concern about suicide bombers and terrorists, the actions that fill our television screens. While I was in Palestine, though, I experienced no such threats. I did encounter a great deal of intimidation from young Israeli soldiers with automatic rifles and tanks.

We stayed in the old city of Jerusalem for almost a week, meeting with peace-seeking groups, primarily Israeli. We joined a group of about 75 Palestinians protesting the construction of the "security wall" that was to divide their village. The wall would cut families off from one another and severely limit access to a cemetery. Temporary concrete barriers were in place to prevent boulders dislodged by the construction from smashing houses on the hillside below (see photo). We could see three houses in the path of the wall that had already been demolished; an old olive grove would be destroyed. We found out later that this sort of destruction was more the rule than the exception.

Our team stayed in an apartment rented for the CPT in the old city of Hebron. We traveled to the northern part of the West Bank and lived with families in Zababdeh. The group divided into pairs to reside in different homes. We experienced the everyday hardships of Palestinians in going from one place to another. In one trip we encountered several obstacles. We had to get out of our taxi, climb over each barricade, walk to the next one if it was close and climb over that, then get in a different taxi for the next part of the journey. Our drivers might not have a permit to go past the next checkpoint, so we had to disembark, walk through the checkpoint with our luggage (we had been warned to keep it at a minimum), and get another vehicle on the other side of the checkpoint to take us to the next barricade. Six stops, six vehicles, and about six hours later, we had gone from Zababdeh near Jenin, through Jerusalem to Hebron, about 65 miles.

Some of our team assisted with the patrol lining the path from children's homes to their school. They offered some deterrence to the rocks, eggs, or other objects that often assail the children when they are



Photo courtesy of Betty Dodson

Betty Dodson (third from left) with a peacemaking team in Palestine in October in front of temporary concrete barriers

walking to school.

We all helped some Palestinian families pick olives in their own groves that abut a new Israeli settlement. Because of that proximity, these families are denied access to their fields. Had we internationals not been with the villagers, they would probably not have been allowed to harvest the fruit. Without the additional support of a rabbi from Rabbis for Human Rights that day, the soldiers might have forced us to leave, without the olives.

Most of the Palestinian Christians who were forced out of their homes in 1948 have managed to leave Palestine. Those who remain are determined and hopeful. They value the knowledge that brothers and sisters around the world care that they live under such harsh conditions.

My heart aches for the families cut off from their olive groves and farms and from family members on "the other side of the wall." My heart aches for the young Israeli soldiers who are being indoctrinated with fear and hate and "might makes right."

On the hopeful side, I recently learned about an organization of Israeli women who go to the checkpoints every day. They accompany Palestinians, particularly young women with children and older women carrying heavy loads of olives to sell in the cities. The Israeli women try to persuade Israeli soldiers not to use their power to intimidate or harass.

One woman tells of being called a "Palestinian harlot." She replied, "With my looks and my age (she was in her 60s), do you think I have much of a future in that vocation?" Then she asked the young man if he would speak to his own grandmother that way.

The following day, the young man approached her with an apology.

Such are the small steps of peacemaking.

Long-time Florida residents **Ethel "Junior" Toth** and Harley "Mac" '49 **McGhee** were there. **Bob Atwell**, semi-retired, took time off from tracking 26 grandchildren to check in. Remember our first big reunion when no one admitted to having any grandchildren?

Dorothy Wettstone and **Dick '52 Carter** represented two classes. Lou

Wollenberg '52 heard about the event and came with his wife, Lou, to join the fun.

Don and **Jo Fravel Leber**, **Frank** and **Sue Cook**, **Dick** and **Vicky May**, **Dorothy McGrew Schirtzinger**, **Arden Brock Yakimo**, **Dan DeArment**, **Hal Bowman**, **John Smith**, and **Gordon Taylor** rounded out the throng.

Mark Allen reminded people of the heroic achievements of **Dick May** in helping **Wooster's** cross country team win the Ohio Conference. **Dick's** records in the mile, half-mile, and 2-mile still stand. What a champion!

Pris Allen says that one special aspect of those in the group is that they all have "great value systems

and contribute wherever they are." Participants enjoyed the gathering enough to want a repeat next year. Any classmate planning to be in Florida in mid-January 2005, contact **Mark Allen** or **Tom Hughart**.

I (**Don**) forget the last time I felt zero degrees, although when I lived in the Colorado Rockies, our small town was often the coldest spot in the nation — in the summer!

On a river cruise in Germany after the reunion, down the Rhine and up the Moselle River, **Mike Beekel** reports that there were only five passengers, on a ship built for 78. "I felt as if I were on Cleopatra's barge as we eased past vineyards and medieval towns and castles," she says.

While **Mike** cruised, **John Smith** was adding 8,000 miles to his motor coach, between **Ghost Ranch** and **Prince Edward Island**. At **Ghost Ranch**, he created his third stained glass panel.

Waiting for their new home to be finished last spring, **Don** and **Marilu Darone Pehrson** lived with daughter **Carolyn's** family. "For extra special entertainment," **Marilu** writes, "**Carolyn** presented us with a new grandson on Jan. 31," making three boys and one girl in that family. "What more can hosts do to ensure that you have a memorable visit?" Exactly six months later, son **David's** wife delivered a baby boy — an even dozen grandchildren for the **Pehrsons**.

A photo of **Lauretta Dyer Parker** smiling down on a charming miniature flower arrangement and the blue ribbon it won at the North Carolina State Fair accompanied the **Parkers' Christmas** letter.

George Bender donated four of his handmade pottery pieces to a charity auction in Canton, Ohio.

Out in his workshop, **Dick Martin** is transforming a rowboat into a sailboat. It awaits the surgeon's touch on a mast and sails.

Two dozen holiday letters mentioned reunion fun. Some added news of 50th wedding anniversary celebrations: **Jim '52** and **Viv Tuttle Hughes**, **Bill '52** and **Liz Blumberg Hubbarth**, **Ken** and **Joan Winter Chellis**, **Dick** and **Gwen Watkins Kiefer**, and **John '52** and **Betty Morrison Dodson**. Congratula-

tions to all of you.

Barb Mortensen Rosnagle has moved to 2758 Cliffrose Drive NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122. Barb, who fought health problems last year, wrote that in her new place, she'll still enjoy beautiful views, "...and I'll be rid of that old bugbear, responsibility for the maintenance!"

Many thanks to **Art Hook** for the reunion videotape, which is a big hit. **Sylvia Spencer Petrie**, who missed the reunion, wrote, "I've looked at [the video] a couple of times already, remote control in hand to pause here and there and figure out who is who.... Last night I dreamed I was at the reunion and [my husband] Paul went with me.... So you see, it all worked out for the best!"

It certainly worked out best for Art and the rest of us that he transferred to Wooster — Oberlin's loss. **DON ORR**, 13460 Marlette Dr., La Mirada, CA 90638-2813, <DorrScot@aol.com>, and **NONA S. TAYLOR**, 110 Echo Way, Statesboro, GA 30458, <nstaylor@frontiernet.net>.

1954 **Francis W. Park** is honorably retired from the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon, after serving Faith Presbyterian Church in Arizona from 1984-98. Fran was an integral figure in the third and final building stage of the church campus, and he developed a sizable endowment to expand the mission outreach. He is currently the pastor emeritus at Faith and the interim associate pastor at Pinnacle Presbyterian in Scottsdale. He also serves on the board of directors at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as the vice chair of the education committee.

HUGH B. McCULLOUGH, 910 Independence Ave., Sturgis, MI 49091-2306, <hugbev@chartermi.net>.

1955 Here are a few recent destinations of wandering '55ers: **Peg McClelland Johnston** and husband Bill traveled to the British Isles; **Mary Liechty White** and Charles went to Alaska; **Carolyn Venable French** and Art '53 visited China; and **Cindy Kimber Watson** and Dick toured Europe with their church

choir. The Watsons included a visit to Edward and **Alice Demmler Barth** in Switzerland.

It's great that you all had the opportunity to expand your horizons. How about the rest of you? Drop us an e-mail.

Betsy Sands Kocher and Bob breathed a sign of relief when the California fires subsided, as the fires came to within six miles of their home in Thousand Oaks.

Belated happy birthday to all of the class members who achieved the milestone of 70 years!

The Class of 1955 is getting closer to our big celebration of our 50th reunion. Our planning committee wants to get as many class members together as possible, to trade stories of our many journeys, renew friendships, and even make new friends.

We've doubled up on our class secretaries to make it easier to receive messages as we plan for this reunion, June 9-12, 2005. Mark your calendars and come! We'd love to hear from you in the coming days. These 50 years have been both long and short.

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1956 **Lee and Connie Lybarger** enjoyed a trip to England in August. They toured key historical sites in London, attended a Shakespeare play, and worshipped at Westminster Abbey. A special highlight was a side trip to Lee's mother's ancestral village of Hartshorne. After a week in England, they took the North Atlantic crossing on the *Queen Elizabeth II* and found it a delightful, leisurely way to travel.

Lee spent part of the year compiling his mother's family letters in commemoration of the centenary of her birth and her death 50 years ago.

In early December, the Lybargers were involved in a car crash on a rural Ohio highway. Fortunately, everyone from both cars came out alive, thanks to seat belts and airbags. Connie was hospitalized for two days but is at home making a



Four members of the Class of 1957 got together last summer. (Left to r) Peg Meyer Bushnell, Gail Parker Rosenberg, Sandy Ingram Swan, Evelyn Schulz Smith

good recovery. They spent happier moments in Berkeley, CA, visiting their grandchildren.

After Christmas with family on Maui, I (**Pat**) returned to cold, icy, snowy Ohio. I was particularly glad to see my youngest grandson, Brock Beckstein (15 mos.), doing so well after having brain surgery in June. He's an active toddler who gets lots of attention from his four older sisters.

I volunteer at the local hospital and for People to People Ministries in Wooster. That program provides temporary assistance to those in need of food, clothing, and household items. It has a very active volunteer base and receives strong community support.

PAT YOUNG, 464 E. Highland Ave., Wooster, OH 44691-9249, <Pjyoung52@aol.com>.

1957 In February and March, **Gordon Wright** was in residence with the Florida Keys Chamber Orchestra, (KCO), preparing for concerts on Cudjoe Key and Key West. Gordon is the principal guest conductor of the KCO. The program included his latest composition, *Meditation for Orchestra*, as well as his orchestral arrangements of 17th-century Netherlands dances. Piano concertos by Mozart and Mendelssohn were also on the program with the pianist, Peter Asimov. In October Gordon will be guest conductor of the Fairbanks (Alaska) Symphony orchestra, opening its 2004-05 season. For more information, contact him at <turnagain@earthlink.net>.

Judy Dauber Guye has been the mayor of Elkins, WV, since winning

the election in the spring of 2003. She says that representing the city is an honor. "I never imagined I would be in politics when I was a student at Wooster." She reports that the part-time position has turned into a full-time job. Her years of service on the County Commission have been valuable, though.

Judy's husband died last year, but she has family close by. Two of her daughters and their families live in Elkins. Another daughter lives in Westford, MA.

Last summer, **Sandy Ingram Swan** hosted the second annual mini-reunion for a group of classmates at her home in Prescott, AZ. In attendance were **Peg Meyer Bushnell**, **Gail Parker Rosenberg**, **Evelyn "Evie" Schulz Smith**, and **Sandy** (see photo above). Peg is still very involved with the Denver Art Museum as a docent. Gail is busy with a company called Webfeat. She travels a good deal, selling library computer systems. She's also beginning a Web venture (Dovetail), selling home decorations.

Evie is busy with an outpatient mental health clinic that she owns. She employs 27 therapists plus six support staff members. In addition to administration, she provides individual and family therapy and marriage counseling. Sandy is involved with a local art group and spends time painting watercolors.

LaVerne "Pretzel" Wellens Marshall had her second shoulder replacement surgery in January and started physical therapy. We wish her well. **Kay Demmon Cilimburg** visited Pretzel and says that she's a valuable resource for anyone need-

ing a joint replacement.

ANNE KELSO JOHNSON, 78 White Tail Rd., Murphysboro, IL 62966-6416, <ajohnson2@siu-med.edu>, home <ajohnson@globaleyes.net>.

1958 We're sure that the fall issue of *Wooster* was great nostalgia for those of you who were into music. **Melody Lachner Aldridge** says that her favorite college memories are tied up with musical groups: women's chorus, concert choir, Wooster chorus, marching band, and symphony orchestra. Wish she had been at the reunion to share her stories of Miss Richmond and Dr. Gore. Melody, who lives in Rochester, NY, has raised five children and been a minister of Jehovah for 43 years.

Millie Gilbert Carlson enjoys sunsets with husband Bob '59 in Sedona, AZ. She remembers the closeness of music education class with Stuart Ling and playing with the Wooster symphony.

Lee Dawley's holiday letter is always a good read but doesn't mention a memorable Men's Glee Club trip to Florida during our Wooster days. How about telling us "the rest of the Glee Club story?" Disabled with MS, Lee would love to get your e-mails at <leedawley@hotmail.com>.

Second Section member and history major **Hank Gimbel** participated in the Men's Glee Club and concert and church choirs. He completed military duty and then returned to teach at the Brunswick (Ohio) High School. He formed a varsity golf team and served as athletic director for 10 years before retiring in 1988. During summer vacations, Hank got a real estate license, a pilot's license, and traveled the world.

Now Hank is into antiques — "all the old things we grew up with" — and works at the Medina Antique Mall. Maybe he can hum some of those old songs he learned at Wooster when business is slow!

We asked our e-mail list for stories about how classmates have imparted their wisdom, insight, and experience to young people. **Larry Sgontz**, retired professor of economics, U of Iowa, is "very proud" of his son, who, after some troubled

teenage years, began as a dishwasher in a restaurant chain and was eventually promoted to regional manager. "He expresses thanks to me for his success," Larry says. When Larry's daughter was floundering, he insisted that she go to college, and she, too, has been successful.

Nana Newberry Landgraf wrote to us on her last day of work as secretary to the pastor at Fairmount Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, Ohio: "I've been conscious through the years of being a role model to younger people because of my excellent work ethic and other things. I didn't talk much about it; I just acted."

Ruth Holzapfel Walters puts herself in places where there are "teachable moments": AAUW Sister-to-Sister programs for middle-school girls, teaching English as a second language, and vacation Bible school, and presenting programs to elementary school children in her area. (Note: Ruth was honored for her service; see *Wooster*, Winter 2004.)

Catherine Tisinger has spent 40 years teaching 18-year-olds. In her world civilization classes, she connects the past and present: how Machiavelli of 16th-century Florence relates to debates over Iraq in the 2004 primary elections, or how the challenge Luther posed to the Roman Church is like the current debate in the Episcopal church. "I demonstrate that the tapestry of history can help us critique the present," she says. She wonders about the effect of our "delete-button culture" on preserving the cumulated learning of the ages and on documenting current history. "If we do not have a heritage, where do we fit in the grand scheme of things?" she asks.



The wedding of Andrea Nolan and Peter McKiernan '93, July 3, 2003. (Left to r) Erika Davis Turner, John Turner, '95s, bride, groom, Mike Rulf '93, Dana Rulf

We enjoyed a long e-pistle from **Janie Thompson**, who escaped the brutal NYC winter to be in North Carolina with her dad (almost 100) and her mother. Jane taught school for many years and writes about her work to promote the Junior Year Abroad (JYA) program. Her passion for JYA grew from her life-changing experience of going from Wooster to Stillman University in the Philippines for her junior year.

"I start when children are very young, planting the idea of going on JYA. We discuss the options, and soon it becomes a question of where to go, not if they will." Many children of friends, her niece, and children she worked with at the East Harlem (EH) Protestant Parish have spent their junior years in other countries. Jane also has steered many EH kids to college, engineering applications and scholarships for those with no money. Wooster welcomed many EH students and helped them with scholarships, she adds.

Bruce Hunt is working with his oldest grandson, Elliott, on selecting a college. Bruce and Elliott agree to read pages in the book, *Colleges that Change Lives*, and then discuss them over breakfast at a local eatery. They've each selected three schools that interest them, checking out the Web sites and setting up visits.

Bruce Rigdon recently delivered a lecture on *The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown to a packed house at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. While he criticized the author's resources that gave rise to flawed facts, he praised the book for renewing interest in church history and the mysteries of faith.

Tom Scott replied to our winery e-mail about Chicago weather. "It

was 24 below zero when I left for work this morning." We tracked him down in Minneapolis, where he's lived most of his life since Wooster. He directs the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) at the U of Minnesota and is a former professor of political science. CURA is an applied research and technology center that connects faculty and students with community organizations and public institutions working on public policy issues.

"CURA is a place where new ideas can evolve and grow," the Web site says (<www.cura.umn.edu>). There's a picture of Tom there that you'll recognize. He has no plans to retire. "I'm a bad planner," he explains. He and his wife, Patty Eaton Scott '59, have three children and four grandchildren. "I also have a '97 red Miata," he adds with characteristic wit.

Thanks to the singing, sailing, Europe-trekking **Paul Reeder** family for its Christmas letter. Also thanks to **Sylvia Gibbs Spearman**, whose holiday letter is a travelogue with happy children and grandchildren. Sylvia celebrates her good health and life as a pastor's wife and professional work in "Discovery Counseling."

As part of the 50th reunion committee, your co-secretaries, **Bob Carter** and **Anne Gieser Hunt**, are on the inside track. Our first assignment is to get a reading of our "class personality," through personal calls, e-mails, and a survey. Unlike class gifts in some previous years, ours will be tied to Wooster's Campaign for Independent Minds. What "counts" in one campaign will count in the other. Don't forget to give to the annual fund; that will also count.

While money is an important item on the agenda, our committee will also come up with dynamite activities. We've already given "Power Point Peggy" (**Peg McAnlis Mueller**) **George Kandle's** video of the 2003 reunion so that she can add an audio track. How about sharing your experiences from 50th high school reunions in this column? And send your updated e-mail addresses to Anne!

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1959 Tell us what's new, '59ers.

MARION STUART HUMPHREYS, 1709 Hathaway Ln., Pittsburgh, PA 15241-2705, <Artmar59@aol.com>.

1960 We'd love to hear from someone.

NANCY BROWN TYBURSKI, 3622 Croydon Dr. NW, Canton, OH 44718-3226, <nancity4@aol.com>.

1961 Steve Jenks spent many years on the faculty of the U of New Hampshire's business school before founding a small organizational consulting firm. Most of its members are now retired. Steve recently started another firm with his daughter, <www.greyledgeconsulting.com>. He works about half-time and devotes increasing attention to a variety of volunteer assignments.

Perhaps the most exciting is Steve's role as board chair of America Speaks. This group did the huge citizen participation event in NYC in 2002, to give input on the design for the World Trade Center site. Steve and his wife, Carolyn Kolbe Jenks '60, a retired children's librarian, live in Portland, ME.

Judy Magill Wallace is the director of music at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Islip, NY. She also plays "cocktail style" music (her terminology) at area restaurants and private parties. Her husband, John, retired from the pastorate in 2000 but still preaches regularly at churches on Long Island.

Elizabeth Lutz Trexler will retire in July as director of the Alexandria (VA) Adult Day Services Center. Then she plans to travel, take classes, and visit her grandchildren.

About the time you read this, **Carol Stine Carson** will retire as director of the statistics department of the International Monetary Fund. She says the next phase of her life will include a mix of flowers, words, and photography.

One of my (Larry's) fellow geology majors was **Ann Shipley**



The wedding of Andrew Weaver '97 and Jessica Aerni, Sept. 6, 2003. (Back row, left to r) Andy Duker, Kirsten Came Carr, '97s, Heather Turnbull Reeves '99, Matthew Reeves '98, Phil Verhoef, Brian Friedman, '97s; (Middle row) Meghan Flaherty, Rachel Freeman Hicks, '98s, Donnell Wyche '97, Betsy Kersteen, Shannon Hollis, '98s, Carrie Phillips Gerard '94, Sarah Burger Wilds, Nate Wilds, '97s, Matthew Sparks, Meghan McLaughlin Sparks, '98s; (Front) Steven Oakleaf '97, bride, groom

Gaither. Ann has been helping her daughter, Sarah, at school. Sarah's class has a huge box of assorted rocks, crystals, fossils, and other materials donated by a museum. Ann helps identify what the students have, with the help of her college textbooks. She says that, unlike most fields, geology has not changed much from what we learned 40-plus years ago!

Dave Rex continues to fly his general aviation Cessna 172 around the coastline of south Texas, supplementing the Coast Guard in its anti-terrorism patrols and other missions. Most of the operations he flies are classified, but he points out that about 25% of all gasoline refined in the U.S. is done in the vicinity of the Houston Ship Channel, an obvious area of interest.

Dave says that it's much cheaper for the U.S.C.G. to let the general aviation community do this type of work. Dave doesn't do rescue missions, since he hasn't yet figured how to hang a basket for stranded boaters from a Cessna going 150 m.p.h.!

I (Larry) wonder who else has memories of the late John Reinheimer (chemistry, see page 61). I recall his "deadly" aim. When a student fell asleep in one of his first or second period chemistry classes, he'd pick up whatever was handy, usually an eraser, and fire it at the miscreant.

The poor sleeping soul would awaken amidst a cloud of chalk dust with a big white smudge on his or her forehead or chest. Needless to say, most of us remained wide awake after viewing this event once or twice!

If you haven't heard from me since Christmas, I don't have your e-mail address. Please send it.

LARRY VODRA, 51 High Ridge Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804-3517, <JLVodra@aol.com>.

1962 Hal Lehman wrote that some Philadelphia folks are getting together. **Richard Eaton** has been giving lectures in the area, and this has been a catalyst.

Beth Davis Rickman and Vic enjoy retirement in Kingston, RI. Beth sings in her church choir and is in a handbell quartet. Last year she attended a conference and concert with over 800 English handbell ringers from around the Northeast. The Rickmans have two grandchildren who live nearby.

Arthur and **Elaine Rado Reynolds** took a train trip from North Carolina through New York City, Rhode Island, and across Canada to Vancouver, B.C. From there, they took a cruise to Alaska and visited several major cities.

I (Linda) am still waiting to hear from most of you. Please note my

new e-mail address, or just send some snail mail.

LINDA PARK, 1848 Beersford, East Cleveland, OH 44112, <veggiepark@sbcglobal.net>.

1963 What's the latest, Class of '63?

ANN MCKENRICK TURNBULL, 412 Ivy Church Rd., Timonium, MD 21093.

1964 Thanks for putting me (Jim) on your holiday letter lists.

Jane Winkler Carter's husband, Dan, quoted Samuel Johnson about an "epidemic desire of wandering." They've certainly caught the bug. A year ago they went to New Zealand where they saw **Percy Strong**. (They saw a lot more, but Percy was the Wooster connection.) Last year they traveled to Italy in May, then to England, Paris, and Italy again in October, and to Barcelona for Thanksgiving. They mention an honorary Swiss godson. Children and grandchildren put them on American roads to Cincinnati and Auburn, AL.

Laverle Berry also traveled — to Russia last July. He says it fulfilled a dream of his since he took Dan Calhoun's Russian history course at Wooster. Laverle also published a paper about an 18th century castle in Gondar, Ethiopia, and wrote an

essay on Gondar for the *Encyclopaedia Aethiopica*.

Travel and publication also figured in **Rob** and Betsy Stout '65 **Weaver's** year. Rob's third edition of *Molecular Biology* (McGraw-Hill) came out this spring. They traveled in Italy last June, saying the same sorts of things about Tuscan hill towns as Jane Carter. (It would have been interesting had the two couples met on some cobbled street...)

Jim Pope returned to the U.S. after two years in Germany. There he swam in 14 master's swim meets, including the German championship (he placed fourth), visited Rotary clubs in several countries, and was active in the Unitarian Fellowship in Frankfurt. Here he teaches at the U of Toledo (Ohio). Jim spent time cruising the Nile and visiting Cairo. He avoided anti-American sentiment by passing himself off as a German (with a very good American accent). Find him at <vaticandrj@hotmail.com> or <http://jpope.utoledo.edu>.

The Yamazakis enjoyed their summer home in Leland, MI. They sing with two groups, one of which competes internationally. **Jane Welton Yamazaki** talked about going to Italy. The war cancelled last year's choral competition, but maybe this year — in a Tuscan hill town, perhaps?

Our 40th reunion is almost upon us. Do try to attend; it's always a good time. We'll have grandkid and arthritis conversations, but the "remember when..." talk will surely take over. My term as class secretary ends — someone might think about banging out these notes.

Recent coincidences sparked these musings from **Michael Pensack**: "The building that housed the College's only library, to which students moved books in 1905 when my great-great-grandfather was the first librarian, still stands but has a specialized use. The library to which students in my class moved books in 1963 has expanded..."

"The majority of the buildings on campus are either new or completely renovated since our graduation. Every member of the faculty then has since retired; most have died. One professor, who retired the



The wedding of Sarah Day '96 and Kelly Dunston, July 27, 2003. (Left to r) Emilie McLarnan '96, bride, groom, Kate Vail '96, Julie Macecevic '95

year before I started at Wooster, taught my mother, and met my great-great-grandfather when the professor was just starting his career.

"The name of the College president when we were in school and who instructed my mother in English literature now adorns the student union building..."

"In the 1960s, one could earn an entire year's tuition in a summer by working at the minimum wage. I know because I did it..."

"My typewriter, a high school graduation present, was manual. I took notes with a ballpoint, not the fountain pen I used in high school or the steel nib dipped into an ink well that I used in grade school..."

"I'm taking a class in Swedish at North Park U in Chicago. And what do I discover? A librarian graduated from Wooster in 1991, and a Spanish professor is a 1970 alum... The past is a foreign country — to which one can travel only in one's mind. Gone, but not forgotten. Time passed but living still."

JIM SWITZER, 891 Elmore Ave., Akron, OH 44302-1238, <jswitz@uakron.edu>.

1965 Won't you send us word of your lives?

KADI DEPEW STEVENS, 328 Spruce St. #4, Philadelphia, PA 19106-4201.

1966 We'd love to hear from you.

ELIZABETH WESTHAFFER O'BRIEN, 64 Tall Oaks Dr., Summit, NJ 07901, <ebrien5@mindspring.com>.

1967 **Wayne Cornelius** received the 2003 Distinguished Teaching Award from

the alumni of the U of California-San Diego, where he has taught political science since 1979. He also directs UCSD's Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, which he founded in 1999. Wayne trains undergraduate and graduate students to do field research in migrant communities and to do internships in immigrant service organizations. To learn more about the center, go to <www.ccis-ucsd.org/>.

Wayne is active in choral music in the San Diego area, including the La Jolla Symphony Chorus and the choir of St. James-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. His son began graduate school at the Elliott School of International Affairs of George Washington U in September. Wayne's wife, Ann Craig, is provost of Eleanor Roosevelt College at UCSD.

John Kirk was the first recipient of the Houston Diagnostic Clinic's CRIMSON Award for Physician of the Year. "He is an exemplary physician...a man who consistently shows compassion and enthusiasm in caring for his patients," said the clinic's CEO. Congratulations, John! **SARA BRADLEY**, P.O. Box 599, Chautauque, NY 14722.

1968 Thanks to **John Masterson** for taking the plunge and writing some notes. (E-mailing or writing class notes is painless and can even be fun!)

John earned an M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. at the U of Denver. In 1999 after 22 years as professor and administrator at the U of Miami, John, his wife of 35 years, Nancy Sether Masterson '70, and their two

sons moved to Seguin, TX. John is executive vice president and provost of Texas Lutheran U. TLU sounds like our own Wooster of 35 years ago. Highly ranked nationally, the liberal arts college of 1,500 students is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

John enjoys his free time, too. He writes: "On weekends when I can get away, we escape to the beautiful Texas hill country on our Harley Davidson. Other weekends find me playing lead guitar in a charity rock band, The Harleys. We've helped various local charities raise over \$100,000 over the past year or so."

John played in Wooster's marching and concert bands and the symphonic orchestra. Check out the Web site, <www.theHarleys.org>. Pretty wild. John and Nancy are first-time grandparents.

John '67 and **Sandy Moser McIlvaine** live in Wadsworth, Ohio. Sandy can be our source for campus news: she works as a permanent temporary, as needed, for the College. She is loving it! This is a change after four years as advertising coordinator for Ohio Light Opera, and special events coordinator for the Akron Symphony.

Sandy and John are looking after their ailing parents. A good number of us can relate. John McIlvaine '01 followed the Wooster tradition. Sandy mentions these memories — Color Day, cheerleading in the old gym. Her favorite? Meeting John.

I'll bet **Joan Harford McCann** is the only one of us to operate a nuclear reactor! Let us know if there are others. She works in Santa Maria, CA, at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. Joan has three grown children. Does the job require a lovely voice? Joan sang in concert choir and chorus at Wooster.

PAT SILVEY and DENNIS YANCHUNAS, 618 Bowen St., Longmont, CO 80501-4412, <dryanchunas@yahoo.com>.

1969 "For almost 35 years, I've read the notes without submitting anything," writes **John Stelter**. "It seems only fair that I should share something. My classmates and Eighth Section brothers would not recognize me, at 6' 7" and 285 pounds, wearing

contact lenses.

"After Wooster, like many of you, the U.S. Army in 1970 interrupted my pursuit of an M.B.A. degree. I was 'drafted into enlisting.' I was fortunate to spend my three years as a personnel sergeant for the Quartermaster Brigade at Fort Lee, VA. I saw several classmates come through as soldiers. Who would have thought?"

"The Army taught me how to spit shine shoes, make a tight bed, and work well with people of every rank. It also excited a long-time interest in Revolutionary War and Civil War history. Williamsburg is now one of my favorite places.

"The M.B.A. from Northwestern in 1974 launched a nearly 30-year career in Chicago. (I never intended to stay; I was a small-town guy.) I worked for five medium-sized companies, half of the time as a manager in the materials field and the other half as a manufacturing consultant for a software company. I traveled all over the country, saw many vistas, and visited friends who had scattered. I also developed new friendships that I cherish.

"I've been married three times and have two wonderful sons, Andrew and James. In 2003 my sons and I each married delightful women. After the time in Chicago and a second period of unemployment, my wife, Shary, and our two terriers relocated in 2003 to Statesville, NC. We enjoy the slower pace and temperate climate.

"Now we travel when we want to. We have been to Dunvegan, the ancient Scotland home of the MacLeods, Wooster's adopted clan. Our Presbyterian church is right across the street. If any Wooster friends are in the area, please stop by or e-mail <johnstelt@aol.com>."

Gina Wengatz Hansen sadly tells us that **Lynne Spencer Langley** died on Feb. 18. Lynne wrote for *The Charleston Courier and Post* for 25 years. Gina says, "I remember her as my freshman roommate in Holden. Never having lived north of West Palm Beach, Lynne came to Wooster loaded for bear, with sweater sets and skirts, a big fur hat, a fitted red coat, and high boots. She sort of glided along with poise and quietness, a sly sense of humor, and a



During Alumni Weekend 2003 (from left), Connie Brumm, Elissa Truitt Kopf, Kay Stewart Popovic, Jim Miraldi, E. Scott Bair, and Ann Keller Hillman, '73s, enjoyed breakfast in Lowry Center.

smile. An aspiring English student myself, I admired her superior facility with language and organization of ideas. We'd only corresponded recently, but I will miss that as well as Lynne's articles, which kept me in touch with her spirit."

After a 35-year hiatus, **Doug and Barbara Simmons Pankratz** were married on Aug. 17, 2003, on a cruise to Alaska. The couple met during their sophomore year and then both transferred to the U of Wisconsin. Barb writes, "After graduation, we didn't hear from each other until 2002. Then Doug pulled my e-mail address from the Wooster directory and sent a note from Michigan where he had lived for 23 years. I had lived in Minneapolis for almost 30 years. We each were in the midst of a divorce at the time, so we had plenty to 'talk' about.

"Doug came to the Twin Cities for the first time in Mar. 2002; I moved to Bad Axe, MI, in July 2003. Doug is an orthopedic surgeon and gentleman farmer. We hope to see many classmates at the reunion."

JUDY SIMKINS HAINES, 2643 Brook Valley Rd., Frederick, MD 21701, <tomjudyhaines@hotmail.com>.

1970 Susan Ziegler Bear writes, "We are now residents of 'sin city,' Las Vegas, and enjoy it very much. I began a new career in real estate and hope to work with any Woosterites who might want to buy or sell property in the fastest growing city in the U.S.

"We spent the last couple of years traveling in our motor home and saw a lot of the country. But we barely scratched the surface. We are now grounded for six months of the

year in Las Vegas, mainly because of our granddaughter, who was born in March. We will travel from April to September and stay at home for the winter. I would love to hear from any alums in this area."

Allen Easley will be the next president and dean of the William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, MN. Allen previously served as an associate dean and professor at Washburn U's School of Law in Topeka, KS.

RUTH "BE" BALMER YOUNG, 126 W. Lafayette St., West Chester, PA 19380-2409, <Beezette@aol.com>.

1971 Linda Beach Crocker writes, "We are still in England, having moved a few miles down the road from our previous home. I make several trips a year to the U.S. to see my family, four children and two grandchildren (1 month and 3). At home I serve as warden and editor of the monthly magazine at our Anglican church. My other activities include genealogy, cross-stitch, walking, and singing. Visitors are always welcome."

Richard B. Wagner received the 2003 P. Kemp Fain Jr. Award from the Financial Planning Association (FPA) at the FPA's annual gathering in Philadelphia. Richard is the owner and CEO of WorthLiving LLC, a Denver-based financial advice and communications firm, and past-president of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners. The Fain award honors "dedicated service and exemplary contribution" to the financial planning profession.

JAMES K. LOWERY, 1675 Riverwood Dr., Jackson, MS 39211-4828, <jlowery@jam.rr.com>.

1972 John Foote, a Clackamas (Oregon) County District Attorney, plans to run for a second term. During his tenure, John's office cracked down on delinquent child support payments, domestic violence, and drug-related crimes and streamlined prosecution procedures.

JAY YUTZEY, 1254 Norwell Dr., Columbus, OH 43220, <yutzey.2@osu.edu>.

1973 "Thirty years is a long time," writes **Greg Lockhart**. "Debbie Falls '76 and I took our oldest, Chad, to his first-year orientation at Woo. It was gratifying to have him pick Wooster on his own.—not surprising, though. We've been in Richmond, VA, since 1986, when I finished thoracic surgery training. Deb and I just celebrated our 27th anniversary (no comments please, Welshhans)."

Edward Gilbert, a civil rights attorney with Slater, Zurz and Gilbert in the Akron area, presented a lecture at the College last fall. He discussed racial profiling in the first of three black studies seminars. **SUZANNE SCHLUEDERBERG**, 3385 Carl Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, <suz@umich.edu>.

1974 What's new out there? Write and tell us. **BILL IRVINE**, 2465 Centerville Rd, Herndon, VA 20171-3026.

1975 Jim Davis serves as a part-time professor of biblical studies at Mars Hill Graduate School in Seattle, WA, and as an adjunct professor of New Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary. He's also the pastor of Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church.

ANDREA J. STEENBURG SIMMERS, 2121 Breeds Rd., Owings Mills, MD 21117-1646, <asimmers@mail.ruxtoncountyschool.org>.

1976 Shirley Ann Jakupca Walker writes, "This past year I received a medal and certificate from Bugles Across America and a plaque and certificate from the Medina County Marine Corps



The wedding of Brian Becker '95 and Johanna Lange, Sept. 28, 2002.

(Back row, left to r) Stephen Young, Shannon Dodds, Chad Jessup, '95s, Aaron Becker '92; (Front) Jamie Falconer '96, Michelle Varughese Edwards '95, bride, groom, Cheryl Becker '95

League for my service to veterans. I'm now an honorary member of the Marine Corps League for these volunteer services. My daughter, Eliz, is a 'bugler in training,' assisting with funerals and other civic duties.

"I also conduct the Medina Symphony Orchestra. If you live in the area and would like to play with us, please contact me at <walkers@bright.net>." (For more on Shirley, see *Wooster*, Winter 2004, page 44.)

On a very snowy day, Mar. 1, 2003, David and Julie Schmacher moved to David's childhood home at Briar Hill in Solon, Ohio, which they purchased from his family. Julie became involved with the Solon Center for the Arts, hosting a children's art show at their home this past summer. David re-entered the financial world after 20 years in manufacturing, starting his own insurance brokerage agency, Brown/Schmacher Insurance, concentrating on life, health, and long-term care insurance and annuities for individuals and small businesses. E-mail him at <schmacherandassoc@aol.com>.

Alpha Alexander is the executive director of Go Girl Go!, Knoxville's Promise program designed to keep young women interested in tennis. In January Go Girl Go! received the Special Tennis Event of the Year award from the Tennessee chapter of the U.S. Tennis Association. The program teaches 200 girls about tennis and other sports, as well as yoga, believing that participation can help young women set educational goals. Go Girl Go! promotes

a healthy body image, self-esteem, self-respect, and self-confidence as well as leadership skills and a healthy lifestyle. The program is free, thanks to a grant from the Black Women in Sport Foundation. For more information, visit <www.knoxville-spromise.org>.

DANA VANDENBERG MURPHY, 3175 Warrington Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120-2428.

1977 Brian and Maueve Kinch Heater write, "We're still in Gainesville, VA. Our son, Arle, is in the ninth grade at Emmanuel Christian School in Manassas. We travel as much as possible... We visited Brian's brother, Mark Heater '74, in Houston last summer, and Maueve's dad and sister in San Diego in December. We're still active in church, listen to lots of Irish music, and enjoy hiking in the Shenandoah park. Drop us a line, at <blheater@msn.com>."

Catherine Coon writes, "The oil industry has kept me moving around the world, to Tulsa, Houston, Dallas, London, Calgary, and Denver. After 20 years, I'm back in Houston, hoping to catch up with friends and colleagues in Texas." BONNIE SAVAGE, 4306 River St., Willoughby, OH 44094-7815, <bonniesavage@mailstation.com>.

1978 Bob Sulick reports, "During a trip to Los Angeles in September, I shared a plate of tacos with Michael Courey '79, who, aside from much shorter hair, looks and acts pretty much the

same as in college. He is still an outstanding artist and has a studio overlooking the Pacific Ocean in Palos Verdes. He lives with his family in Redondo Beach and is pastor of St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church. He still keeps a copy of the Allman Bros. in his car. As we listened to it, both of us agreed that it was a great, long overdue visit."

Margaret Scherbel Deutsch "just wanted to say hello." She writes, "After raising four children, the youngest now a senior in high school, I am finally coming up for air and can connect with the world again! If you are in or near the Pittsburgh area, please contact me at <momoty1@aol.com>."

Becky Blackshear Coerper was ordained as a priest on Nov. 30, 2003, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Summerville, SC. She is one of four female priests out of about 180 in that diocese. St. Paul's is much larger than other churches she has served, with over 1,000 members. Becky and husband Kip '77 moved from Tennessee last May. This is not their first time in the state — Kip's pursuits in tennis coaching and playing the church organ brought them to the Charleston area 16 years ago.

After losing track of Eric Van Heyst, I (Wendy) am happy to report that he found me on the Internet! Eric went to Vanderbilt U's Owen School of Management for an M.B.A. and immediately joined Chase Manhattan Bank in NYC. He spent 15 years in a variety of positions before leaving in 1995 to

become the vice president of corporate development and investor relations at a small, public gold mining company with operations in Latin America.

After several years, Eric joined Radian Insurance in New York. He is now a managing director at XL Capital Assurance, an insurance company, with responsibilities for reinsurance and marketing. Eric and his wife, Darby (they married in 1988), have two children and live in Princeton, NJ.

WENDY BEATTY-BURG, 340 Gosling Dr., North Wales, PA 19454-2726, <BeattyBurg@aol.com>, and MARY BREINER, 1092 Homewood Dr., Lakewood, OH 44107-1450.

1979 Keith Allen Meador married Sarah Hope Messinger on Oct. 25, 2003. Keith, Sarah, and Keith's son reside in Atlanta, GA.

Matthew O'Farrell has been selected as editor of the *Youngstown Vindicator*. He was previously a copy editor with the *Columbus Dispatch*.

Marlene Sprenger Ellis won a spot on the Fremont (Ohio) Board of Education. She wants to improve communications between the school board, staff, and the community.

Cindy Clark wrote with the sad news that Peggy Trabulsi Accrino died on Jan. 25 after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. She was a loyal friend to all who knew her. A tribute to Peggy is being planned for the reunion in June. An obituary will appear in a later issue of *Wooster*. PEG WEISSBROD MARUNOWSKI, 1084 Dorsh Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121, <pwmarunowski@sbcglobal.net>; LARRY NADER, 307 W. Wooster St., Bowling Green, OH 43402-2807; and LAURIE GLANDT STEINER, 3599 MacDonald Circle, Richfield, OH 44286, <budsollgs@adelphia.net>.

1980 Many of you have switched Internet providers; more than half of the e-mail addresses in the current class file are out of date. Please take a few minutes to go to the C.O.W. Alumni Web site and/or classmates.com to update your e-mail address. Then we can ask for news or send you information about our 25th C.O.W.

reunion in 2005.

Mike Lauber, class president and alumni board member, writes, "Our 25th reunion gives our class the chance to do something really special. Yes, we can get together to enjoy one another's company, but classes have always done that. We have the unique chance to leave a lasting impression on the College by making a class gift for the restoration and renovation of Kauke Hall.

"During our time on campus, more than 70% of our classes were held there. Even today Kauke is the center of academic activity for most students. By raising \$100,000, we'll be able to name one of the renovated classrooms for the Class of 1980 and, more importantly, show the students of today that the students of yesteryear care about them and about the College. Join us by pledging your support." Contact Mike at <mrlauber@tuscodisplay.com> or (740) 254-4343, ext. 225.

Sandy Hubler was awarded a Fulbright grant to study in Germany and Belgium. She and her sister, Barbara Hubler '78, spent three weeks in South Africa. Sandy began a term on the board of directors of NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators). She'll be traveling to Washington, DC, and hopes to visit with **Carol Rowan Frank**.

"Lori Juhn '81 and I are doing well in Winter Haven, FL," reports **Quentin Roe**. "Lori teaches pre-school, for which the three-year-olds are eternally grateful. I still work in the family citrus business, growing, packing, and marketing fresh tangerines and tangerine juice. Florida continues to be recession proof. The boom never seemed to slow down here. Hope all is well with the rest of our class."

From Kauai, Hawaii, **Ed Stumpf** writes, "I expect to graduate as an R.N. in May. That will enhance the acupuncture and massage that I do and will definitely help if the economy and Hawaii tourism take another dip. I plan to visit and dive in Belau and Micronesia in July to celebrate my graduation. There's a Pacific Arts Festival going on at the same time. I spent Christmas in Myanmar, a wonderful spiritual retreat. I'd go



The wedding of Eileen Robinson '88 and Matthew "Chip" Garczynski, Oct. 4, 2003. (Left to r) Carol Anderson Hess '88, Peter Hess, Katrine Maier Lancaster, Sonya Alwyn Spriggs, Ben Spriggs, '88s, bride, groom, Emily Freeman, Megan Karch, '88s, Craig Huffman, Rebecca Taylor Huffman, Suzie Watson Smith, Chris Smith, '88s

back in a flash.

"In February I marked the 10th anniversary of my bed and breakfast on Kauai. That's worth shouting about. We love Wooster guests!" (See <www.waterfallbnb.com>.)

With over 20 years of experience in commercial lending and leasing, **Robert Kent** was recently named president of Scope Aircraft Finance, a division of Park National Bank. Scope specializes in financing and leasing high performance turbo props and light jets for businesses and individuals.

Please note the new e-mail address for **Susie**.

SUSAN ESTILL, 1817 Keller Lake Dr., Burnsville, MN 55306-6378, <sestill58@comcast.net>; **DON LEAKE**, 10303 Dickens Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814; and **JENNY WATSON**, 1551 Oakmount Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121, <jlwats626@aol.com>.

1981 Since earning a Ph.D. from Brown U in 1992, **Patricia Kollander** has taught in the history department at Florida Atlantic U in Boca Raton. She married Bruce Fuller (Purdue '85) in 1995, and they are the proud parents of Marcus (6) and Julia (5). Teaching, writing, and running after kids keep Patricia pretty busy. Reach her at <kollande@fau.edu>.

Patricia provided some good examples of real life "survivor" skills. I'm sure most of you have similar

stories. Drop me a note to let us know how you are surviving. Maybe we can have a competition at the 25th reunion. We'll consider your note an audition.

LOU OCKUNZZI, 9789 Woodhurst Dr., Strongsville, OH 44149-1375, <louockunzzi@yahoo.com>.

1982 **Peter Zornow** teaches the gifted education class and Title I in the Danville (Ohio) Local School system. His new addresses are <zornowpd@netscape.net> and 1107 B Beech St., Mt. Vernon, OH 43050.

BARBARA BROWN, 2151 Fairmount Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105, <wish-boneandbarb@hotmail.com>; **JOHN P. SHAFFER**, 6208 Ridge Pond Rd. Apt. F, Centerville, VA 20121-4061, <francesources@hotmail.com>; and **SUSAN LANCASTER TONER**, 11593 Westbury Pl., Carmel, IN 46032, <susan_toner@hotmail.com>.

1983 **Susan Daniels-Ging** lives in Garfield Heights, Ohio. She writes, "I have worked for Kaiser Permanente for 20 years. I've held various posts, but I now am a team leader in the pricing and underwriting department. I'm married with two children. I keep in contact with **Marsha Huff-Mollica** and David Burke '84 by phone. I haven't seen any classmates since the 15th reunion.

"As for hobbies, I spend a substantial amount of time reading,

knitting, and crocheting and doing homework with the kids. I've also been remodeling my house, hoping to sell it and move farther out."

DAVE MARTIN, 6874 Rosedale Ct., Mason, OH 45040, <dkmboater@hotmail.com>, and **MARY KERR**, 715 Greenwood Blvd., Wooster, OH 44691, <kerr@ssnet.com>.

1984 **Jay Mitchell** sends his correct e-mail address, <jfmitchell@natpennbank.com>. He and **Doug Bunting** hope to attend the reunion in June.

Mark Boillotat is the associate director of research and donor relations at Vermont Law School and also coaches the Hanover High varsity lacrosse team.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for our 20th reunion, June 10-13. It will be a fun weekend for children, adults, and adults who feel like children. **Ken Dixon** would still like to receive your pictures from our college days for the 1984 Review slide presentation Friday night. Send them to him at <cowreunion1984@aol.com>.

I (**Jane**) recently received a wonderful note from one of my bridesmaids, **Barb Benson Brigham**, after losing touch for six years. Barb is doing very well. Married for 12 years, she's a cancer survivor (for nine years), the stepmother of two, the grandmother of two, and the mother of Emma, born last September! Barb has been a social

worker for 16 years. She worked initially in drug and alcohol treatment. She then worked for eight years with a group of psychologists and has been in private practice since 1998. She and Emma hope to be at the reunion.

Jane and I (**Elizabeth**) have enjoyed hearing from all of you during the past five years. We can't believe it has been 20 years since Woo! The best part of this job is hearing from old friends.

ELIZABETH RENNER CLICK, 23979 Shelburne Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122, <jneclick@aol.com>, and **JANE PAXTON HOFFMAN**, 2622 Northwood, Toledo, OH 43606-3706, <jphoffman@buckeye-express.com>.

1985 It's been a while, '85ers. Tell us what's new.

JENNIFER BURROWS LANDEFELD, 589 Ayers Ave., Turtle Creek, PA 15145, <jennsbl@jennsbl.com>.

1986 Note the new e-mail address for **Charles**.

PETER ANDERSON, 911 Carnelian St., Redondo Beach, CA 90277-3002, <peter.d.anderson@boeing.com>, and **CHARLES RYAN**, 5 Vannina Pl., West Hills, NY 11743-6437, <Charles.Ryan@frx.com>.

1987 **Emilie Storrs** performed a voice recital at the College last fall. A lyric soprano, she received an M.Mus. in 1989 from the New England Conservatory of Music. Since then, she has been a freelance singer based in the Boston area. Emilie has performed with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, singing Copland's "Old American Songs (set 2)" and Lehár's "Vilja."

Samrat Upadhyay's first novel, *The Guru of Love* (Houghton Mifflin, 2003), was named a 2003 Notable Book by the *New York Times Book Review*. Samrat teaches in the graduate creative writing program at Indiana U-Bloomington.

Janet McCracken, a psychologist and assistant professor of counseling psychology at Penn State, is running for the school board in State College, PA.

LISA DIMENT PANEPENTO, 4130

Mallard Way, Wooster, OH 44691, <LBPanepento@aol.com>.

1988 After finishing a Ph.D., **Don Haut** enrolled in an M.B.A. program, where he met his wife, Tricia. After nearly three years in Chicago, the couple moved to Boston, where Don is now a partner with a boutique investment bank/private equity firm. Tricia and Don recently welcomed a daughter. Don says, "She is the light of our world and keeps us very busy."

Don regrets losing touch with so many people. Contact him at 128 Belknap St., Concord, MA 01742.

Eileen Robinson married Matthew "Chip" Garczynski last October (see photo on page 49).

We're saddened to learn of the death of **Jai Roberts Williams** (see Obituaries). She was an extremely accomplished craftsperson and artist, exuberantly determined to succeed. Jai possessed a fierce integrity that did not allow compromise in the quality of that pursuit. She was articulate and honest to a fault. Her students adored her and were inspired to excel by her knowledge, example, and encouragement.

Jai's friends and colleagues will remember her many happy contradictions. An intense drive to personal accomplishment was matched by an enormous generosity. Her sometimes brusque demeanor masked depths of tenderness and empathy. Jai was an extraordinary individual and a fine metalsmith, whose career and happy life with her beautiful children and husband, Jim Williams, was far too short. We miss her.

DEB CELINSKI, 12244 Woodside Ct., Strongsville, OH 44136, <dacelinski

The wedding of Michelle Pagano '88 and Christopher C. Heck, Jan. 18, 2003.

(Left to r) Anita Homily Wiese '88, bride, Carolyn Reiersen Princic '88, John Berner '72, Karen Cook, Lisa Vendel Todd, '88s



@core.com>, and **CATHY CAMPBELL WRIGHT**, 44 Meadow Ln., Middlebury, VT 05753, <catcwright@aol.com>.

1989 **Thomas J. Fortunato** writes, "I currently reside in Seoul, South Korea, and teach English in Gangnam. I'm also a part-time teacher-trainer with TEFL International. After completing an M.Ed. in TESOL, I plan to head back to Ghana, West Africa, to teach. I hope to start a TESOL program at a British international school in Accra. I would like to hear from anyone in Ghana or Seoul!"

Democrat **Lance Mason**, second-term state representative in Ohio, was recently named the assistant minority whip.

Shelley Pearsall's book, *Trouble Don't Last* (Knopf, 2002) won three honors: the 2003 Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction, inclusion in *Booklist's* top 10 historical fiction books for youth, and a book award from Ohioana Library Association.

Where will you be on June 10-13? Your planning committee members and I hope you'll join us at our 15-year reunion! If you haven't yet made your plans, it's not too late! Come catch up with friends and acquaintances. Check out the new campus buildings. Look up a favorite professor. You don't want to wait another five years, do you?

The fun kicks off with a class reception Friday night. On Saturday you can march with us through Kauke Arch in the Parade of Classes and then pig out at the class barbeque lunch. More fun is in store at our dinner on Saturday night, a feast of Mexican munchies and beverages! For those of you with children, there

will be lots of activities to entertain little ones.

Return your reservation form to the College by May 28. If you have questions, contact me (**Erika**) or the alumni office at (330) 263-2533. Or check out the Alumni Weekend Web site, <www.wooster.edu/alumni>.

We have an Ironman in our midst! **David Toy** writes, "On Nov. 8 I realized a lifelong dream of competing in an Ironman Triathlon. I completed the 2.4-mile ocean swim, 112-mile bike, and 26.2-mile run in 13 hours and 43 minutes — definitely one of my life's highlights. I live in Lexington, KY, where I am Lexmark International's director of corporate financial planning."

Congratulations to **Beth Toole** and husband Dan Green '86, whose second son, Owen McFadyen, was born on Sept. 18, 2003 — the same day that Hurricane Isabel hit the Baltimore area, where Beth and Dan live. Beth and Dan now have two boys, Owen and Benjamin (2).

Eric Knorr has moved from Omaha, NE, to Ohio with his wife, Michelle, children, Jake, Hannah, and Lily, and Golden retriever, Darby. Their new address is 324 Triangle Ave., Dayton, OH 45419. **ERIKA M. FEDERMANN**, 7713 Salem Dr., Hudson, OH 44236-1454, <efedermann@adelphia.net>.

1990 As I (**Ruth**) sit down to write this update, two things come to mind. First, this has been a long, cold winter in the Northeast. Hopefully the frigid temperatures will have disappeared by the time you read this! Also, you are doing a terrific job at keeping us informed so this column does not

freeze up, too. Thanks to everyone who has ever given us an update, including the following.

Marnie Reid recently became the manager of individual giving for the University Musical Society at the U of Michigan. Marnie writes, "I love my work and am thrilled that I continue to find great opportunities with a flexible work schedule, so I can enjoy my children, too! While interviewing for my job, I discovered that the president of UMS is also a Wooster alum." Small world! Reach Marnie at <folksmarnreid@umich.edu>.

Over the last couple of years, we have tracked **Mia Wright** on her global travels. She can be reached at P.O. Box 385728, Waikoloa, HI 96738. Aloha, Mia!

Following eight years in Istanbul, **Christopher and Hilal Kocaoglu Judd** have also crossed an ocean to relocate. They now live in Richmond, VA, closer to family in the U.S. Chris and Hilal would like to hear from any classmates or Woosterites who live in Virginia, at <hanover@superonline.com>.

Ethan Gorsuch wrote this winter "from the subzero Northeast," where he works for AutoTrader.com as a district manager. He and **Paul Jacobus** will soon get together in Washington, DC.

Dave and **Jennifer Young Liles** have a new e-mail address, <djliles@fuse.net>.

We hear that Luke Quinlan '89 became a first-time father on Feb. 19, 2003, with the birth of his son, Collin. Luke has been practicing law in Charlotte, NC. Best wishes, Luke!

Congratulations, congratulations, and congratulations to **Gwen Martin** and Julie Curtis on the birth of their triplets on May 19, 2003! Their names are Devin, Ethan, and Caleb Curtis-Martin. The boys join Gwen and proud grandparents Ed and Kitty Wigman Martin, '63s, in the Wooster annals! Gwen says she's "a tad bit busy. (The boys) are doing very well. At eight months old (they) are crawling all over and keeping us on our toes!" Could these three be future Woosterites?

See Births for more happy news.

Vivek Batra still works for Prada in New York City. He said in

The wedding of Joe Waggoner '94 and Yen Yu, June 21, 2003.
(Back row, left to r) groom and bride;
(Middle row) Aaron Frank '94, Dori Farthing '95, David Crichton '94, Tera Crichton;
(Front) Allanya Frank, Andy Eklund '93, Chris Ley '97, Lisa Calhoun with Nalley, Gordon Calhoun '93



January, this winter "feels like one of the coldest winters of my 14 years here. So I'm off to Brazil for two weeks in mid-February with some friends from Europe for the Carnival in Rio." Enjoy the sun!

Vivek updates us on the whereabouts of several Wooster friends.

Paul Hanusz is married and lives outside Philadelphia. Monique Pettorino '89 is doing well and also lives in the Philadelphia area.

Margaret Stumpff lives in Colorado, **Julie Budden** is in Ohio, and **Susie Purvis** is in New York City.

Joan and Rich Bailey '91 spent their Christmas in Guatemala visiting a friend in the Peace Corps.

Amy Kaltenmark has lived in Philadelphia since graduating from Wooster. She previously worked in social services, primarily with chronically homeless, mentally-ill adults. Amy now works in the behavioral health crisis department of the nation's oldest hospital. She recently purchased a duplex, giving her "the double pleasure of home ownership and being a landlord." She can be reached at <askthechf@aol.com>.

Christopher Sharp is currently storekeeper with Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Norfolk Detachment 104, where he helps train junior sailors. The Naval Reserve Center recently named him Syracuse's Selected Reserve Sailor of the Year, for superior leadership and technical skills, personal excellence, and complete dedication to the U.S. Navy. **RUTH REYNOLDS COTTER**, 1077 Ardsley Rd., Schenectady, NY 12308-3011; **CANDICE DAVIS PALYA**, 704 Dunkirk Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212; and **JULIE RIVINUS**, 6451 Alamo Ave.,

Apt. 1E, Clayton, MO 63105, <wooster_90@hotmail.com>.

1991 Carolyn Jean Bare married Frans Cronje in Dec. 2002. They plan to move to Johannesburg. Carolyn writes, "My husband is a South African, and we want to live there. I've resigned as the executive director at the Tri-Town YMCA in Wethersfield, CT. C.O.W. friends, please send e-mail to <carolyncronje@hotmail.com>."

Andy Sway married Alissa Kormanik in October (see photo on page 33). **DON CAMPBELL**, 2316 20th St. NW, Apt. 1, Washington, DC 20009-1412, <dcampbell@fec.gov>, and **KATIE JONES MCCLELLAND**, 1263 Circle Dr., Arbutus, MD 21227, <rmcclelland@prodigy.net>.

1992 Miles Simmons spent three months of 2003 living with his sister in Italy, working on his Italian and trying to break into the pop music scene (it does exist) while performing with a jazz trio in various venues in the Lago di Garda area (Desenzano). When not spanning the globe, Miles lives in Jersey City, NJ, with his partner, Carlos.

David A Bower married Sara M. Tabach on Oct. 11, 2003, on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Brian Grandison was inducted into the "W" Association Hall of Fame last October. Brian ran over 4,000 yards as a running back at Wooster from 1988-91. He earned All-American honors as a sophomore and was named NCAC offensive player of the year during his

senior season. He says that he'd do it all again: playing football was a wonderful experience, and the academic reputation of Wooster is one of the best.

The January issue of *Runner's World* features **Dan Howitt** for his 2003 speed climbing records on the tallest glacier volcanoes in the continental U.S. — Mts. Rainier, Shasta, Adams, and Hood. Dan says he hired third-party timing officials for each climb. Dan's had other media coverage as well. In the book, *America 24/7* (DK Pub, 2003), there's a thumbnail of him and his Labrador climbing Mt. Hood. And in October an ABC affiliate in Washington covered Dan on the evening TV news.

Check out Dan's Web site, <www.mountainspeedclimbing.org>, for photos and more details. He began speed climbing in 2002, making some errors. But, he says, "as with most first attempts and experiments, the mistakes were very useful for the successful 2003 season." **KATHLEEN QUINN**, 241 Johns Hill Rd., Highland Heights, KY 41076, <quimkl@email.uc.edu>.

1993 Claudia Breed Rose earned a master's from the Case Western Reserve U Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences and a law degree from the Cleveland Marshall School of Law. She has joined the Ulmer and Berne law firm in Cleveland, Ohio, to practice in the liability defense and insurance coverage groups.

Eugene DePasquale is deputy secretary in charge of community and economic development for the

state department of environmental protection in Harrisburg, PA. Eugene was formerly the director of economic development in York, PA.

We know you all have made yourselves crazy trying to guess the name of Pete '92 and **Eva Geil Horton's** baby boy since we teased you with it in the last column. Wait no longer! Pete and Eva write, "On Nov. 8, 2003, we welcomed Benjamin Baile into the world. His sister, Kate (2), has decided that the baby can stay."

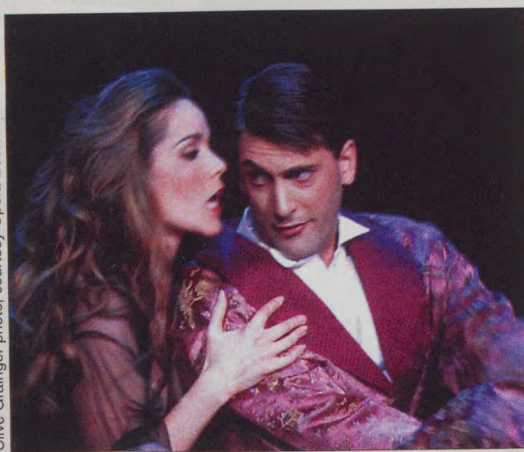
Michelle DeGraw VanderMeer sends the following: "I worked in export after graduation with a company named Stryker. What else do you do with a B.A. in Spanish? A couple of years later, I moved to Chicago for a master's program at Loyola U. I started to work for Monsanto, also in export. I got married, got an M.B.A., and joined M&M Mars in logistics operations. I later got divorced and started working for Kellogg in CPG Distribution.

"I moved from Chicago to Cincinnati, then seven months later moved to Battle Creek, MI (a bit of serendipity since I grew up about a half hour from here). Best move of my life. I met my new hubbie and have been married for a little over a year now. I'm very happy and not looking to change a darn thing!" Find her at <michelle.vandermeer@kellogg.com>.

Michelle reports, "Joan and Rich Bailey '91 live about one and a half hours from us. Last we spoke, Rich was thinking about raising goats. Not sure if that's still the plan, but I can't wait to find out."

Sabrina Simon checked in when she read in *Wooster* that **Kris DeMali** had moved to her town, Carrboro, NC. Sabrina writes, "I don't remember Kris but am curious to get in touch with someone from our class who lives very close by!" Sabrina also sends an update: "After Wooster, I lived and taught ESL in Mexico for a year and a half. I then moved to Chapel Hill, NC, where I've been for the last eight years. I taught Spanish at a private Quaker high school for three years. For the last five years, I've been doing social work with the local Latino immigrant community, currently as a

Oliver Grainger photo, courtesy Opera Boston



Allen Schrott '94 performed with Heather Buck in *Powder Her Face* by Thomas Adès at Opera Boston last June.

Finding His Range

Want to improve your singing voice? "Sing often, find an outlet to challenge yourself, and have an open mind," advises **Allen Schrott '94**. He is well known for dramatic and musical excellence as a bass-baritone. "A physical gift" is what he calls a good voice, adding that joining a choir or taking voice lessons can dramatically develop that gift.

The College offered Schrott his first major experience with music and continues to affect his career. He appreciates the music department's willingness to allow him to prove his talents and commitment. He especially praises his adviser, Theodor Duda, along with Brian Dykstra and Jack Gallagher, for the opportunity to learn contemporary music. Schrott now is comfortable performing new works — which has led to several lucky breaks. He sang in the American premiere of a chamber opera by Thomas Adès, *Powder Her Face*. Schrott says that the experience stretched his abilities and taught him how to deal with pressure.

Schrott finished a D.M.A. at the University of Michigan in 1999 and continues to reside in Ann Arbor. He's the senior editor for classical music at the All Music Guide, www.allclassical.com, where he does light programming, writes reviews, biographies, and essays, and helps to maintain the largest online database of musical recordings in existence. He teaches voice at Madonna University, a Catholic liberal arts institution outside of Detroit. In his spare time, he takes flying lessons.

Schrott performed at the Opera Unlimited festival with Opera Boston last spring and in the world premiere of a new musical drama, *Daphne and Apollo Remade*, with The Phoenix Ensemble in October. Last February he returned to Wooster for a recital in Scheide's Gault Recital Hall.

"Sound technique and hard work," he says, can help "almost anyone to enjoy whatever they're doing and do it better."

—Kate Carden '05

bilingual children's resource coordinator." Reach Sabrina at <simons@piedmonthealth.org>.

Sabrina passed along a hello to my (Charlie's) "neighbor," **Christopher Myers**. Christopher and partner Kyle Minor recently moved out of their rent-controlled apartment with a view in San Francisco's North Beach. Why would someone do such a thing, you ask? To own real estate, of course!

Christopher and Kyle bought a spanking-new loft condo across town in the Mission District, where it's slightly quieter and much sun-

nier. I heard this news from a friend of theirs whom I met at a euchre game. For those of you who were hiding under a rock at Wooster, euchre is a card game popular mainly in the Midwest. I found a group here in San Francisco that plays regularly. I have had some "six degrees of separation" moments with players from all over the Midwest who know or have worked with Wooster alums. It's a small Woo after all!

Peter Lefebvre '94 also checked in after reading *Wooster*, while visiting his family in Connecticut. Pete has lived in the Los Angeles area for

several years and formerly edited at Paramount. He currently works in Hollywood for Panavision as a marketing executive. Pete's work includes the "Maybe" video for female singer Jedra that aired recently in AMC theaters. He has taken up surfing in his spare time.

I (Charlie) took a short trip to Ohio to visit family in December and found out that **Susan Simmons Deibel** lives less than a mile from my mother in Canton. I stopped by to see Susan, who is putting her psychology degree to good use as a counselor and hopes to eventually counsel children in a school setting. Susan and husband Dave have two beautiful and friendly children, Kate and Graham.

I also visited briefly with Kelley Ferguson '92, who lives in Garfield Heights, Ohio, and her two children.

Recent alumni visitors to San Francisco include Hans Johnson '92, Julie Budden '90, and Hans Peters '95. Hans Johnson lives in Washington, DC, and works as a free-lance writer. He recently edited the newsletter of the national AFL-CIO.

Julie lives in Cincinnati and works as a director of development for the U of Cincinnati College of Engineering. She was good enough to fit lunch with me (and a bit of shopping!) into a business trip.

And Hans Peters brought girlfriend Liz Luna to town for her birthday and some sightseeing. Hans (just laid off from Earthlink) and Liz recently bought a house in Alhambra, CA.

Erik Hagen returned to the College to address the hazards of smokeless tobacco in a public lecture. Erik is currently an assistant baseball coach for the Ohio State Buckeyes. He has been involved in baseball for most of his life, playing at the high school, college, and minor league levels before moving on to coaching.

I (Kim) muddled through the arctic New England winter. Life is busy as a working mom, but we're all happy and healthy.

Please take a minute or two the next time you check your e-mail to write to one of us and let us know what you are doing these days. Be sure to include "Wooster" or "Class

of '93" in the subject line. Please pass along news of any other Wooster alumni whom you have seen or heard from recently.

CHARLIE GALL, 1030 Larkin St. Apt. 12, San Francisco, CA 94109, <charlesgall@hotmail.com>, and **KIM REMLEY**, 21 Woodbridge Road, North Andover, MA 08145, <kimandsteve1@comcast.net>.

1994 Susan Salmon Mellinger writes, "After almost 10 happy years in Portland, OR, during which Andrew '91 and I managed to convince most of our family and many friends to move here, we are moving back east. Andrew has taken a position with a medical imaging software company in Pennsylvania. As of mid-February, we will be in the Pittsburgh area.

"We are having a wonderful time being parents to Virginia, born in Nov. 2002. In Oregon we spent a lot of time with my sister and her husband, Johanna Salmon Norton '93 and Thane '91, whose daughter, Victoria, is only 17 days younger than ours. (Yes, we planned that — sort of.) We saw Andrew's sister, Becky Mellinger '89, very frequently as well, along with her husband, Nikos, and their daughter, Thalia (2). We are going to miss the little ones the most.

"Anyone from Woo who's in the Pittsburgh area is welcome to e-mail Andrew or me (<andrew@crashbox.com> or <susan@crashbox.com>) to tell us about all the good places to live and hang out. Until we get a permanent address, regular mail can be sent to us via Andrew's father, at 645 W. Main St., Somerset, PA 15501."

The wedding of **Joe Waggoner** and Yen Vu took place last June (see photo on page 51). And in July **Peter McKiernan** married Andrea Nolan (see photo on page 44). Congratulations to both couples!
TAMARA C. CAMPBELL, 1346 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, <Tamaracampbell@juno.com>, and **ELEANOR KALEJS RYMAN**, 3826 Staghorn Dr., Longmont, CO 80503, <eleanoryrman@hotmail.com>.

1995 Elizabeth Marie Shugart Bernardi

The wedding of Jody Halsall and Matt Carpenter, '99s, June 21, 2003. (Standing, left to r) Sarah Walton '97, Sky Lesnick, Sheila Dreher, Maha McCain, Kate Billman Klonowski, Sheana Balasuriya Cross, Nicole Dodds, Maggie Odle, Stephen Boughton, Madhujit "Dinki" Ghosh, '99s; (Seated) bride, groom



writes, "My second career will (hopefully) find me teaching high school science. I look forward to the change from fieldwork to the classroom."

Ramona Nolarese Pope relays that Cherobia Gates '94 is the godmother of Ramona's son, Noah. Noah is in his first year of school. Ramona is a principal intern at Hillcrest High School in Memphis this spring. Cherobia is busy decorating the new lakeside house that she bought in a suburb of Atlanta last July.

Brian Becker and Johanna Lange got married on Sept. 28, 2002 (see photo on page 48).

Patrick Logue, <pglogue@pga.com>, proudly announces the birth of twins Melaine Lynn and Kaitlyn Brooke on Jan. 20. All are well. "It is the most incredible feeling in the world," he says.

Patrick reports, "Jason Gindele '94 has bought a home outside of DC. Josh Leventhal '94 got married, while Phil Jones '94 is living the bachelor life. Despite my pleas that he move to Florida and be warm, he's actually thinking about moving to Boston...no doubt in an effort to be closer to the Superbowl Champs!"

"Deepak Sitaraman works in southern California, and Dave Arthur bought a house outside of DC.

"Well, that's all from sunny Florida," Patrick writes. "I'll be sure to vote at least three or four times in the upcoming election!"

I (Becca) have a new e-mail

address (see below).

BECCA SANDERS MASTIN, 4 Fall River Ct., Fairfield, OH 45014, <becca.mastin@fuse.net>.

1996 April Elsea married Rick Vince Jr. last August 23 (see photo on page 40).

A week later, **Doug Dawson** and Allison Millsap got married (see photo on page 41).

And the wedding of **Sarah Day** and Kelly Dunston took place on July 27, 2003 (see photo on page 46).

What's new with the rest of you?
MEREDITH GRAHAM, Apt. 321, 305 Montefiore St., Lafayette, IN 47905, <mgraham@ecn.purdue.edu>;
MICHELLE PERRIGO, Apt. C19, 2114 Sunnyside Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49048, <meesch@stratos.net>; and **ANDREW VELLENGA**, 7510-11 Cove Point Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613, <vellengae@4mcd.usmc.mil>.

1997 Beth Helene Goldstein married Blair Gormley on Nov. 9, 2003. **Afshan Ahmed** was a bridesmaid.

Mashruk Zahid earned an M.B.A. at the U of Chicago in 2003 and now works as a manager in forecasting, planning, and analysis for Home Depot in Atlanta. He and several Wooster friends got together in December before he left Chicago.

Last September **Andrew Weaver** married Jessica Aerni (see photo on page 45).

Thom Pease has left WETA-FM in Arlington and is working on an M.L.S. at Indiana U in Bloomington,

specializing in music librarianship. He's still involved with radio, hosting a weekly folk music program on the university's radio station and working as a sound recordings cataloger with the public radio station in town. He misses his East Coast friends and hopes to get back for a visit soon. Reach him at <thompease@yahoo.com>.

Esteban Thur de Koos writes: "After spending the last five years as a financial analyst and director of Spanish services at Mountain States Health Alliance in Johnson City, TN, I am attending the Thunderbird American School of International Management in Glendale, AZ."

See page 32 for a photo of **Megan Beynon**.

Berto Trinidad says, "Howdy from Tucson! Just thought I'd send a quick note to let my friends from Wooster and the Fifth get caught up. I'm in Tucson with my wife, Brandy, whom I met out here, and our son, Isiah (2 1/2). I work as a financial aid officer for Apollo College and love what I'm doing. I'd love to hear from any Wooster folks in the area, at <berto21@postmark.net> or <htrinidad@apollocollege.com>."

I (Sue) spent time with **Jesse Elmore**, **Aaron Skrypski**, and **Erik Peterson** on a trip to Ohio for the holidays. It was great to catch up on all that's going on! Jesse has recently moved back to Ohio after a few short months in California. He works as a free-lance designer out of a home office in Akron. Reach him at <jesse47@sprintpcs.com>.



Photo courtesy Ted Burger

Ted Burger (left) and Master Guangkuan at the Wutai Mountain hermitage

Cloud Masters

The faces fill the screen with character — some well-lined visages, others more youthful. On a high, heavily-forested mountain, they speak against a backdrop of ceremonial chanting, the hum of insects, the chopping of wood, the songs of birds. English subtitles make the inflections of a foreign tongue intelligible to Western ears. Such are the images from a rough cut of the film, *Sit With Me Amongst White Clouds*, conceived and directed by **Ted Burger '98**.

A practicing Buddhist, Burger says, "Buddhism has taken me to other cultures. It teaches me how to lead a spiritual life in general, how to be mindful, to be aware of myself, my environment, other people."

Zen and Taoism intrigued Burger as a teenager. Master Zangyuan, one of the hermits in the film, offers a phrase, *yin yuan*, to describe those early interests as stepping stones. *Yin*, Zangyuan says, is "a seed planted in the past." *Yuan* means to be connected with, intertwined. Burger's master, Guangkuan, told him when they first met, "A lot of *yin yuan* was at work in our meeting, in you coming all this way to this place, in my opening the gate for you."

At Wooster Burger first majored in music and education but soon lost interest. A friend asked him to come along to a class on Buddhism, taught by Ishwar Harris (religious studies). That was a moment of *yin yuan*, Burger remembers clearly. He was hooked.

As a junior Burger studied in India with the Antioch University Buddhist Studies program. For the last month he went to Burma and was ordained as a Buddhist monk. He lived in a monastery and visited the homes of laypeople, communicating nonverbally. No one spoke English, and Burger did not speak or understand Burmese.

Upon ordination Burger received a robe and a begging bowl. Going out with the begging bowl and having people share what little they had humbled Burger. This is a daily practice for monks, something the Buddha himself did centuries earlier. In Burma Burger sometimes felt like an impostor — "I'm only doing this for a month." The guilt faded when he learned that it is common for young Burmese to be ordained and join a monastery for a short time.

After reading Bill Porter's *Road to Heaven* (Mercury Press, 1993) about Buddhist hermits in China, Burger wanted to explore this faith commitment. At Wooster he added classes in Chinese with Rujie Wang to his courseload. After graduation Burger went to China, studied the language, and got a job translating for British and U.S. film companies. "It was a crash course in filmmaking," he says. He decided to try his hand.

Burger wanted to tell the stories of hermit masters in the Zhongnan Mountains. He explains, paraphrasing Porter, "If you think of a monk as an undergraduate in Buddhism, a hermit is a graduate student."

Burger bought a digital video camera, taught himself how to use it in three weeks, and headed into the hills with a friend, Linlin, for a month. He took little equipment, some of it handmade, including a microphone boom pole fashioned from an extendable mop handle.

Being a Buddhist student of a nearby hermit gave Burger an introduction to his subjects. Only a few reacted warily to the recording devices. Of the 50 hours of tape, Burger used only about 20 in the first cut of the film.

The hermits he visits live in diverse situations. Some choose the most sparse of conditions, not heating their bed of bricks, for example, in order to fully experience winter's chill. Some live in abandoned temples or stone structures that they built. All reside far from urban crowds.

The film's characters are memorable, from the middle-aged nun who many felt would never make it as a hermit to Chaoming, 86, who is extremely hard of hearing. At one point, Chaoming tells his young student, who is talking to the camera, "Speak up, don't be shy! How can they hear you?"

Hermits contribute to society in general, Burger says. "Monks and hermits keep the dharma wheel turning, practicing and teaching in ways that the average person, pursuing Buddhism's 'middle path,' cannot. When one person reaches enlightenment, it extends to everyone."

Burger has financed the low-budget film himself thus far, doing the first round of editing in a friend's studio. Viewing the rough version in Wooster in February, he says he'll make a few more changes. In the next year, with a Canadian producer, Burger will shoot more footage, re-edit, and enter the film in festivals.

A Beijing resident, Burger has lived in China for five years and plans to stay, for now. He's following the teaching from the Fahua scripture, "Take a path, follow it to the end, do not be concerned where it leads."

—Jimmy Wilkinson Meyer

Aaron is still working hard on an M.Div. at Yale. He keeps very busy with a combination of schoolwork, involvement in campus organizations, and, of course, an active social life. Aaron says that his Wooster roommate and his wife, **Lawrence** and **Amy Hansen Bartel**, recently welcomed their first-born, a son!

Erik works at the Columbus-based Element Design Group. He and his wife, Brooke Bulkeley '99 Peterson, enjoy life in Columbus.

Emily Connell and Shaun Rafferty '00 got married last June (see photo on page 34).

Another couple tied the knot last summer. **William Drexler** married Susan Larson in August. See the Woosterites who attended pictured on page 35.

SUZANNE M. FLETCHER, 727 North Nevada Ave. Apt. 1, Colorado Springs, CO 80903, <siouxlfletch@yahoo.com>.

1998 After a bit of prodding (and threatening), we finally got some news!

Jennifer Nader lives in a village in Ukraine (we didn't even make that up!). She and her husband, Scott Phillips, are Peace Corps volunteers. Jen is a business consultant for a job training organization dedicated to helping low-income women and is raising money to open a battered women's shelter. Contact her to find out how you can help at <jmnnader2003@yahoo.com>.

Bilal Zuberi '99 writes: "It's great to read about what others are doing. **Terry Heubert** and **Sally Thelen** seem to be having a lot of fun. I earned a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from M.I.T. and now work at The Boston Consulting Group's Boston office. If you are ever in town, drop me a line. I can definitely provide you with excellent views of the skyline."

Beth Shell, <bethshell@hotmail.com>, is completing a Ph.D. in chemistry at the U of Cincinnati and then will teach at Berry College.

We hear that **Julie Morrison-Walkenhorst** is an award-winning high school chemistry teacher in Washington, DC, and also that **Heather Rowell-Michalak** is in Rochester, NY, finishing an M.D.

Heather McConeghy-Drake, <hmcconeghy@yahoo.com>, started off as an Americorps Vista volunteer and ended up making a very clean career in chemistry. Heather has moved all over the world formulating soaps for various companies — she's even getting famous for this! You may have seen her teaching soap-making on HGTV's "Carol Duval Show." Heather got married in Nov. 2003 to her high school sweetheart (aww!). They live in Cleveland.

Shannan Vance-Ocampo, <shannanandjuan@msn.com>, lives in Red Bank, the "hippest town in New Jersey." She and her husband, Juan, share an obsession for collecting autographs from their famous neighbors: Bruce Springsteen and Queen Latifa. Shannan is an associate pastor at Rumson Presbyterian church and mother of Sofia Elena, Wooster 2024.

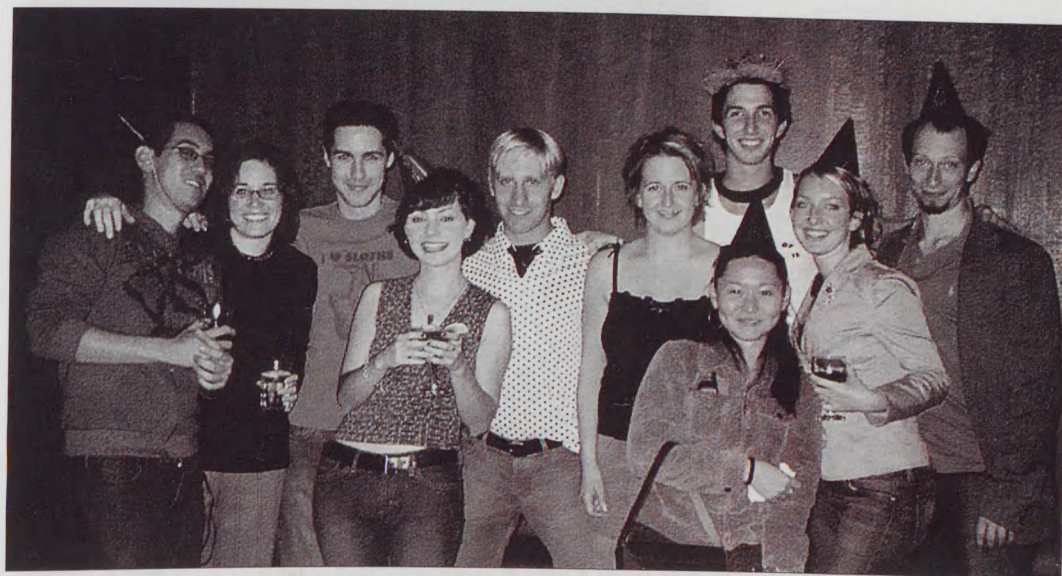
Margaret "Bo" Langer is married and attending massage therapy school in Sin City (Las Vegas). Find her at <margaretandseth@yahoo.com>.

Another massage therapist, **Gretchen Flewelling**, <gflewelling@yahoo.com>, lives in Spokane, WA. She earned a master's at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music in 2000.

Jesse Fowler, <jesfowler@yahoo.com>, lives in Somerville, MA, and is working on a master's at Lesley U. Jesse's work in conflict resolution has led to an exciting internship with the Peace Games in Boston.

Another one of our favorite peaceful people is **Heidi Ruth Haverkamp**, <heidiruthha@hotmail.com>, who will attend the Parliament of World Religions. She is doing graduate work at the U of Chicago Divinity School and hopes to become an Episcopal priest. This summer Heidi will be in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State, working at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat.

Charity Babcock is doing the acting "thang" in LA where she has a production company. She says, "If you're ever in the 'hood,' stop by for some yum-yums!" We remember the amount of late night pizza (and beer) that this class consumed, so we



Wooster alums who live in New York City gathered in the East Village to celebrate the birthday of Clay Drinko '02 on Oct. 11, 2003. (Left to r) Giovanni Cueto '02, Wendy Graham '00, Kyle Field '01, Melina Campbell '02, Jim Beaudry '01, Rhiannon Fink '00, the birthday boy, Jaehwa Lee, Lauren Barney, '03s, Jason Gers '01

have no doubt that anyone in LA will take Charity up on her offer. Find her at <chumlyumly@hotmail.com>.

Elizabeth Marland, <beebit2@hotmail.com>, had a baby girl, Kristen Elizabeth, on Oct. 28. They live in Cleveland. Beth worked at the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism as a classroom behavioral therapist but has left that job to be a mom and attend grad school. She wants to teach special ed. She invites Wooster grads in Cleveland to crash at her place and says, "I am always looking for familiar faces!"

The infamous **Holly Kyle-Dixon**, <dixonh@wyomingcityschools.org>, married to Brad Dixon '95, teaches middle school part-time. She spends the rest of her time taking care of her daughter, Tress, and watching "American Idol." The family resides in Cincinnati.

Holly apologizes to all of us for missing the reunion, but she was giving birth. What's your excuse?

The prize for "Fastest Response To Our Threatening, er... Persuasive E-Mail Plea for News" goes to **Bill Miklandric**, <BMiklandric@cafarocompany.com>. Clocking in at just 4 hours and 13 minutes lapse time, Bill was also the only male — what about the rest of you? Good job, Bill!

Bill earned a J.D. from the U of Akron in 2001, clerked at Wooster's Critchfield, Critchfield and Johnston, and then interned with the Seventh District Court of Appeals in Youngstown, Ohio. He

works in the litigation department of The Cafaro Co., the largest privately-owned shopping center developer in the U.S. Bill married Amy Dammier on Valentine's Day.

And the prize for most frequent updates to our class e-mail address goes to **Henrieta Ann Victoria Abdul**, a millionaire widow from Africa. Although not a classmate, Henrieta writes almost daily wanting to give us \$8.5 million — we only have to e-mail her our social security numbers, dates of birth, and bank account numbers! Once those funds are funneled into our account, we'll retire to an undisclosed location and spend our days avoiding your e-mails while hanging out on the beach. Until then, be glad that we're broke! Please send updates. **TERRENCE HEUBERT**, 618 F St. NE #9, Washington, DC 20002-5250, and **SALLY THELEN**, <woosterclassof1998@yahoo.com>.

1999 Several Wooster friends got together for a rollicking New Year's party at **Bhavana Mody's** house in Glasgow, KY. Attending were: Philippe Kozub '97, Matt Mariola, Wende Bitler, Nathan Barr, Rachel Pope, Colin Scott, Woody Shew, and Karl Robillard, '98s.

Jeremy Siefker and Katherine Rath-Coursey married on June 22, 2003. Katherine graduated from veterinary school in May and has started her first job as a doctor. Jeremy continues to enjoy teaching middle school life science. They have moved

into their first home and welcome any visitors to the Fredricksburg, Virginia, area. Contact them at <ktsiefker@aol.com>.

Jody Halsall and Matt Carpenter got married last June (see photo on page 53). They moved to Toronto, Canada in January. Find them at <carpenter@semcog.org>.

I (**Christy**) look forward to catching up with everyone June 10-13 at our reunion. See our Web page, <alumni.wooster.edu/reunion/1999/>, for highlights!

I (**Kerry**) enjoy my new job as a speech-language pathologist and love the San Diego weather. Can't wait for the reunion.

KERRY HARDY, 3540 Georgia St., San Diego, CA 92103, <kerryhardy1998@yahoo.com>, and **CHRISTY RAUCH**, 2403 Drexel St., Vienna, VA 22180, <christyrauch@yahoo.com>.

2000 **Joan Hammer Amaratti** reports, "After working on campus for the past three years, I finally left Wooster last summer. I changed my name (to its Italian root) and moved to San Jose, CA. I'm living with Leslie Hammer '97 and Bryan Prusha '98 and working in the costume shop at Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley.

"**Amanda Couture** came to visit this fall to drink wine and drive over foggy bridges with me. She is in the final stretch of law school and doing great. Before I left Woo, I had a farewell party with **Cheryl Farney**, Crystal Miller '01, **Carrie Sekerak**,

and **Beth Reiter**. I'll be back east in April for the March for Women's Lives in DC and hope to see everyone then. I would love to hear from alums in the Bay area at <joanamaratti@hotmail.com>."

Heidi Buffington is working on a master's in international studies at the diplomatic school in Madrid, Spain. She plays the violin in an orchestra and welcomes e-mail at <hbuff@hotmail.com>.

Joe Anderson '01 and **Jamie Williamson-Anderson** have moved into a new home at 1134 Kinnerton Dr., Columbus, OH 43228. Jamie is education director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus. Reach her at <verstehen4@aol.com>.

Beth King lives near Pittsburgh. "I have worked as a mental health therapist for mentally and emotionally challenged children since graduation and now focus on children with autism (ages 1 to 10). I find it extremely rewarding. I'm also going to school full-time at night and will have my teaching certification this May, in case I ever decide to leave the social services field," she writes. Beth would love to hear from friends at <eking@ppc.edu>.

Check out Births on page 57 for more Class of 2000 news.

MAURA FINN, 3 Stuyvesant Oval Apt. 10c, New York, NY 10009, <maurafinn12@hotmail.com>.

2001 **Joseph Zombek** is in his second year of teaching social studies and coaching football at Holy Name High School in the Cleveland area.

Emma Foy moved back to Ireland in the summer of 2001 and finished her degree. She works for a large multi-national retailer and is training for a marathon in May. She enjoys keeping in touch with many "Woo buddies."

Amanda Nicole Harpster is now at Ohio State U, working on a master's in epidemiology.

Jenifer "Jeffy" Hill and **Tim Pellman '02** live in Irvine, CA. Jeffy will graduate with an M.F.A. in dance in June. Tim works for Cardinal Health.

Eric Flowers is on campus this year as the RD of Luce Hall. Find him at <elfcow@aol.com>.



Everett Peachey (left) with two Russian friends, Tim Standaert and Maxim Minakov

For the Long Term

Three months after his own college graduation, **Everett Peachey '01** left for Moscow and began teaching English to Russian college students. On a February visit to Wooster, Peachey discussed this experience and other post-graduation pursuits with current students.

At Common Grounds, a student-run coffeehouse, Peachey talked about his year with the Peace Corps and the preceding ten months that he spent in Karaganda, Kazakhstan. "It's important to give undergraduates at Wooster, particularly those in political science or international relations, some insight into life after Wooster from the perspective of a recent graduate," he explains. "Although it's important that students have an idea about the careers that they might have in ten to twenty years, they should also learn what is available to them in the short term, or rather, how they can prepare to get where they want to be in the long term."

"I didn't want to work in a stuffy office cubicle pushing papers around. I wanted a dynamic job that allowed me to do something meaningful and active — things that can be very difficult to find in a first job. I was looking for a program with a solid reputation, insurance, a living stipend, and genuine support. The Peace Corps met all of these requirements. It opened my world in unimaginable ways."

Peachey served overseas during monumental world events, including the attacks of 9-11, the Winter Olympics — a very big deal in Europe — and the beginning of the Iraq war. From the Russian standpoint, these events all involved some sort of corruption or injustice. For instance, the 2002 Winter Olympics saw the hopes of the Russian nation dashed when one young athlete was accused by Canadian and American judges of using steroids and disqualified. The Russian people were devastated.

Peachey learned that foreigners often view Americans in a negative light. Some people who lived in his building bought an American flag to use as a doormat, wiping their mud-stained shoes on it.

Despite such disheartening realizations, Peachey enjoyed his time in the Peace Corps. "I want what I do to make a difference," he says. Once he was back in the States, some students sent notes, thanking him. A first-year student from Vyborg, Russia, wrote, "You were the only person who told me that I was a little bit talented. You helped me believe in myself. Time was so difficult, I had no energy...but I kept working harder and harder because you showed me the way."

Peachey is in a master's program at Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. A paper that he wrote about water resource management in Asia was recently selected from a large pool of essays as one of ten to be published by the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs. Peachey's tenure abroad provided "good practical training and grounding for the theory I learned at Wooster," he says.

— Emily Ryan '05

Finally, we have the chance to see wedding photo of **Christian Hunter** and M. Colleen Cameron '02. Check it out on page 37. **JOY BISHOP**, 9566 Shaw Rd., Spencer, OH 44275, <joybishop22@hotmail.com>.

2002 **Kristiana Hess** recently began a second year with the 10th anniversary City Year Columbus Corps in Ohio. This is a nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging 17-24 year olds in 10 months of full-time national service, civic participation, and leadership development. Kristiana works with volunteers in the program's service initiatives. She also is studying for a master's at Tiffin U in criminal justice, with a concentration in forensic psychology.

Jessica DeFrance Linkous reports: "In August I completed a master's in theatre at Bowling Green State U, where I had an assistantship in the costume department. I spent my fourth summer at the Huron (Ohio) Playhouse, performing in *Annie Get Your Gun* (as Annie Oakley) and *The Pirates of Penzance* (as Ruth). See photos at <www.pbase.com/sinushi/huronplayhouse>."

"My husband, Greg, and I moved to my hometown of Kent, Ohio, near my family. I teach at the Northfield Presbyterian Church Day Care Center. Please send e-mail to <jmdefrange@yahoo.com>."

Michael Vidmar-McEwen was awarded an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies for 2003 in music history and theory.

Mathew Thomas Epps writes: "Enjoying the beautiful sunny winter in Charleston, SC (the San Diego of the East Coast)....Grad school is a good time, too. Send any mail during the summer to 30 Myrtle Island Cir., Bluffton, SC 29910."

Dana Schrum McLaughlin reports her marriage to Erik McLaughlin '01 on Dec. 20, 2003. They live in Columbus, Ohio. "We had a great honeymoon in the southern Caribbean and are now back to the routine of daily life. Check out our Web site, <www.edmcl.com>," Dana writes.

Kurt Gottfried reports: "After a year in Washington, DC, working in

the international trade group of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom, I moved to London. I'm working on an M.Sc. in European politics and governance at the London School of Economics and Political Science. If there are any Woo grads here, drop me a line at <K.Gottfried@lse.ac.uk>."

Jane Rackley Shear writes: "My husband, Aaron Shear '01, and I moved to Pittsburgh in December as I began working toward an artist's diploma certification in trumpet performance at Duquesne U. Fortunately Aaron's corporate office (Civil and Environmental Consultants) is in Pittsburgh, and he was able to be transferred."

Elizabeth Gray is studying audiology at Rush U in Chicago. Elizabeth and **Lindsay Russell** were bridesmaids in Tim and **Natalie Kotowski Hagget's** wedding. **Kristen Chapin**, **Jen Mix**, **Melissa Melvin**, **Rebecca Hollenberg**, **Joe Zombek** '01, **Jen Rodda**, **Courtney Crossland**, and **Brian Biddle**, '03s, all were present for the big event. Lindsay is at Vanderbilt U, working on a master's in speech and language pathology.

Darla French writes, "My I.S. work (with Matt Kleinhenz, vegetable physiology lab, horticulture department, OSU/OARDC) was recently published." Find the article in *HortTechnology* (Oct.-Dec. 2003), p. 677, or at <www.electronicpc.com/JournalEZ/>. "I haven't yet seen a hard copy of the journal," Darla wrote last fall, "but I'm told that a photo of my hands at work graces the front cover. I may have a promising hand-modeling career ahead of me!" Send congratulations to Darla at <dgfrench@purdue.edu>.

Has anyone else made good post-graduation use of their I.S.?

Jerome Hall, fellow first-year Holden Hall resident, is in Antarctica for two months of study through Ohio State U. He's working on an M.S. in geology with a special focus on tectonics. Reach him at <hall.848@osu.edu>.

Alvira Shah, a second-year med student at the U of Connecticut, reports, "This summer I will take the step I exams and then go into third-year rotations, starting in July. I'm

excited! It's hard work, but I really enjoy what I'm doing." Alvira keeps in touch with **Mandy Kyle**, **Cat Carlson**, **Baber Siddiqui** '00, **Lisa Vaz**, **Brooke Davis** '03, and **Sarah Dickson**. Alvira would love to hear from long-lost friends at either <alvirashah@hotmail.com> or <ashah@student.uchc.edu>.

Clay Drinko celebrated his birthday in style, with lots of Woo friends (see photo on page 55).

If you haven't seen your name in this column for the past few issues, please write and let us know what you have been up to.

Since I (**Maren**) am asking for updates from you, here is one of my own. After a little over a year with Prentice Hall Publishing, I was promoted to a sales associate position. **MAREN L. MILLER**, 1324 East Towne Ln. Apt. D, Delaware, OH 43015, <Wooster02@hotmail.com>.

2003 **Katie Hammond** moved to Chicago in October to try her hand at professional improv comedy. She was cast in an improv group called pH and performs weekly. Check out their Web site, <www.whatisph.com>. **KENDRA HEFFELBOWER**, 3793 W. Suburban Ct., Columbus, IN 47201; **HANNAH RUSSELL**, 99 John St. Apt. 810, New York, NY 10038, <hwr203@nyu.edu>; and **MARTA ZABOROWSKI**, 406 E. 30th St. Apt. 105, Austin, TX 78705, <misstex80@hotmail.com>.

Births & Adoptions

'00 To **Kristal** and **Shane Matthew Bartholomew**, a son, Logan Keith, Dec. 4, 2003

'00 To **Jessica Leigh Miller** and **Alleandro "Alle"** '97 **Parker**, twins, Noah James and Emma Mae, Nov. 16, 2003

'99 To **Abdul** '94 and **Timeka Thomas Rashid**, a son, Hasim Arif, Jan. 4, 2004, joining brother Nasir (3)

'97 To **Nathan** and **Sarah Burger Wilds**, a son, Samuel Robert, Nov. 16, 2003

'95 **Aaron** and **Jennifer**

Korkow Kriska, a son, Victor, July 30, 2003, joining brother Oliver (5)

'95 To **Jason** and **Deborah Jane Davidson Worchel**, a daughter, Margaret Grace, Aug. 11, 2003

'94 To **Brian** and **Laura Fernbach** '96 **Wright**, a son, Jacob Andrew, Sept. 25, 2003

'93 To **Bradley** '94 and **Christine Gueulette Brewer**, a daughter, Emily Margaret, Jan. 16, 2004

'92 **Bill** and **Beth Garrison-Kemp**, a daughter, Chloe Elizabeth, Dec. 5, 2003, joining sisters **Amelia** (4) and **Isabelle** (2)

'91 To **Liz** and **Peter Kostos**, a son, Grant Davis, Jan. 17, 2004

'90 To **Rachelle Brooks** and **Laurence Audenaerd**, a son, Conlin Brooks Audenaerd, Oct. 22, 2003

'90 To **Chris** and **Jennifer Kruchko** '91 **Palestrant**, a son, William Spencer, Jan. 3, 2004

'89 To **Josh** and **Cath Allen** '90 **Bauroth**, a daughter, Anastasia Kathryn, Jan. 21, 2004

'86 To **Ann Keeler** and **Matthew Dinkel**, twin sons, Michael Christian and John Montgomery, July 6, 2003

'80 To **Maria** and **David Barberino**, a son, Brandon David, Feb. 20, 2004

Obituaries

x'88 **Jai Karen Roberts Williams**, Eugene, OR, May 4, 2003, in a house fire. Jai earned a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York, New Paltz. She majored in jewelry making and metal-smithing. A talented craftsperson, Jai earned a master's from the U of Oregon in 1998. She taught jewelry and metalsmithing in New Mexico and Hawaii as well as in Eugene. Jai also worked as a studio technician and production assistant in New York.

In Eugene she owned and operated Jairations, designing, producing, and nationally marketing silver and enamel jewelry. She exhibited her nationally and internationally and published in trade journals.

Jai's children, **Jessica** (3) and **James** (1), also perished in the fire. Her husband, **Jim Williams**, her parents, **Donald** and **Muriel Rice** '59 **Roberts**, and a brother survive.

x'77 **Kim Ruoff Lyon Hallinan**, Peninsula, Ohio, Sept. 22, 2003. Kim attended Wooster and Kent State U before she graduated cum laude from Boston U. She earned an

M.L.S. from Simmons College. For 14 years, Kim worked for M.I.T.'s Rotch Library; she previously directed libraries in Manchester, NH. She most recently directed the Peninsula Library and Historical Society. Kim is survived by her husband, **Dennis**, a daughter, two stepchildren, her father, and three sisters. Her mother and Kim's first husband died previously.

'73 **Janice Potter Lee**, Vienna, WV, Sept. 13, 2003. Janice majored in French at the College. She earned a degree in Spanish from Ohio U and a master's from West Virginia U. During her 28-year career, she taught French and Spanish to junior high and high school students. She was a devout member of the Episcopal Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd in Parkersburg, where she and her husband were co-sponsors of the youth fellowship.

Janice visited Wooster often; her last trip was to watch her son, **Chris** '07, move into the dorm. In addition to **Chris**, her husband, **Claude "Buddy" Lee**, a daughter, her father, and several siblings survive. Her mother died five weeks after Janice's death. The family asks that contributions be made to the Janice Lee Memorial Fund at Good Shepherd Church, to benefit the youth group.

'59 **David Shaw**, Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 31, 2003. An economics major, David played football and was involved with THE Corporation, Young Republicans, and Seventh Section, as social chairman his senior year. He served for three years in the Army Counter-Intelligence Corps as a paratrooper for the 82nd Airborne. In 1966 he married **Phyllis Ann Walston**; she died previously. David retired as a fund-raiser for Ketchum Inc. A son, a daughter, and two grandchildren survive.

'56 **Conrad F. Matter**, Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 30, 2003. A member of Men's Glee Club and the Geology Club, Conrad majored in geology. He earned an M.S. from the U of Pittsburgh in 1957. The next year Conrad married **Sondra Yost** '57. He worked for Texaco in oil and gas exploration in Kansas and Kentucky

Help Find Your Lost Classmates

Class of 1966

Ahmed A. Al-Sabab
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Ronald W. Betz
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Cornelius V. R. Bogert
Barbara A. Boyce
John E. Brimm
Mamie E. Bryan
Madge Karen Langer Casper
Barbara Deane Austin Chapman
William C. Chittick
Lena F. Coleman
Gerald D. Crosby
Teruki C. Dan
Joseph M. Di Cicco
William E. Drake
Barbara Byrne Esau
Nancy Milliken Fazakas
Stuart B. Ferbrache
Charles K. Fossett
Edwin B. Hall
David A. Harrison
Elizabeth Grace Heilman
Margaret Rugg Herald
Susan R. Hershey
Jonathan Howell
Sarah Jane Hudelson
Robert A. Laird Jennings
William S. Jennings
Allan D. Jones
Margo Babb Jones
William Y. Kerr
Mahmonic Keyhan
Karen L. Kingseed
Nelson H. Kraus
Anne Louise Kuehner
Sandra Thomas Lewis
Carl L. Lo Presti
Carol E. Locke
Gale E. MacArthur
Claudia Pask McCartney
Carolyn Cranford McClain
Harry D. McKnett
Perry F. Merchant
William A. Morrison
Lizo M'Timkulu
Judith Nims
Preston T. Ormsby
Elizabeth A. Osborne
William L. Pfautz
Barbara Ellen Jensen Rastad
David H. Read
Lance A. Rebello
Clinton F. Rodenberg
Christine Prasse Rothenberg
Jo Anna Holden Sheridan
J. Brian Smith
Stephen P. Smith

David Sorensen
Kathleen DeNicola Spitzer
Edwin C. Stern
William T. Sullivan
Harold Harvey Tilden
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M. Frances Mack Webber
Anne C. Welsh
Michael L. Wilson
Pamela Brown Womack

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Sigrid Holst Andersen
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Kimberle Brodie Austis
Valli Balasubramanian
Scott R. Bald
Lorraine Follett Ball
Tarana M. Barkat
James W. Batman
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Agnes K. Belt
Sean B. Bisceglia
Alice Louise Bligh
Adrienna Michele Bontrager
Corinne A. Bouvier
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Esdras Furtado Cantao
Susan Lynn Collier
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Heide Newton De Mattio
Anthony Paul Dimascio
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Walid Imad Khalaf
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Darwin Shane Koch
Miriam Edith Krowitz
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Angela P. Lambert
Scott Langley Landt
Christopher G. Little
Mary G. Long
Kevin Arnell Lynn
Marney L. MacFadyen

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Wesley Owen Massaro
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Haseeb Anwar
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Adam Pierce Plues
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Kelly Michelle Simmons
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Brooks A. Stevens
Joon Suk
Germaine Ren Temple
Amy Terry
Carolyn Denise Tolbert
William T. Tomson
John A. Toth
Stephanie W. Twichell
Stephen C. Underwood
Gunilla Ebba Victor
Venda R. Walter
Kevin Weed
Rajiv Mahinda Wirasinha
Laura Anne Witonsky
Raza Zulfiqar

'54 J. Richard Sheppard,

Suttons Bay, MI, Nov. 15, 2003, of complications related to diabetes. Dick was an editor of *The Voice* and served a term as class secretary. He worked in broadcast advertising in New York City and Detroit and was general sales manager for a Detroit classical radio station, WQRS. Dick's efforts in the restoration of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall earned him an honorary seat there.

In 1984 he moved to Suttons Bay, MI, and eventually opened Danbury Antiques. He specialized in English antiques and recently helped create and manage the annual antique show at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island. An avid traveler and Broadway musical fan, Dick had an extraordinary sense of humor. Three sisters survive.

'53 J. Dale Chastain, Kent,

Ohio, Oct. 1, 2003. A political science major, Dale was a member of the political science honorary. He served with the U.S. Navy in Guam. Dale earned a master's from the U of Iowa in 1956 and taught at the U of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Chatham College in Pittsburgh. He married Marjean Hartzler '50 in 1950; the couple later divorced. In 1968 Dale joined the Peace Corps, serving as deputy director and then director of the Peace Corps program in Liberia and Ghana. He then became a consultant for the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, DC.

Surviving are his long-time companion, Lois Ann Phillips, four sons, including Jefferson '74, five daughters, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

'51 Charles Geib Jr., Shreve,

Ohio, Nov. 17, 2003. Charles was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1950. He served as a sergeant during the Korean War and was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. Charles worked for Bogner Construction for 43 years, retiring as superintendent in 1995. He enjoyed traveling, woodcarving, and gardening. He belonged to Shreve United Methodist Church and was a trustee of Oak Grove Cemetery. Surviving are a son, three daughters, six grandchildren, and five siblings.

Do you have information about your friends?

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The College of Wooster, 1189 Beall Ave., Wooster, OH 44691-2363
Phone: (330) 263-2327 Fax: (330) 263-2250 <alumni_rcrds@wooster.edu>

and as an engineer for industrial sales with Columbia Gas of Ohio. Conrad retired in 1997. He belonged to Trinity Methodist Church. His wife, three sons, three grandsons, and three siblings survive.

'54 Margaret Ann Batterman
Homer, Bluffdale, UT, Sept. 14, 2003.

Peg majored in theater at Wooster. She belonged to Peanuts and the Speech Club, participated in dramatic productions, and sang in the women's chorus. Peg married James Homer '54 in 1955, and they moved to Long Island, NY. Peg devoted her life to her family, friends, and the Levittown Community Church. She

enjoyed singing, refinishing furniture, and playing tennis. In 1996 the Homers moved to Utah to better enjoy Peg's first love, her children and grandchildren. Her husband, three daughters, a brother, and 15 grandchildren survive. Another daughter died previously.

'51 Charles G. Johnson Jr., Ocala, FL, April 1, 2003, of cancer. Charles belonged to Fifth Section and the German honorary society at the College and majored in economics. He worked in the traffic engineering department of Southern Bell Co. in Georgia before entering the U.S. Army. After serving in the Korean War, Charles returned to Southern Bell as a division manager. He and his wife, Shirley, owned and operated a small cattle ranch in Webster, FL. Charles loved to go boating. His wife, two daughters, a son, and two grandchildren survive.

'51 William W. Keifer, Litchfield, CT, Dec. 7, 2003. A member of Third Section, THE Corporation, *The Voice* staff, and the swim team, Bill majored in English. In 1950 he spent a semester with the Wooster Washington program at American U. Bill attended Ohio State U from 1952-54 and did post-graduate work in journalism and history. In 1956 he married Julie Ann Hangen.

Bill wrote and edited for numerous magazines and newspapers, had a brief stint in television, and founded *The Wethersfield Post*, the first newspaper in that Connecticut town. His passionate pursuit of justice through the news won many awards, including one for investigative reporting from the American Political Science Association.

Bill opened the John Steele Book Shop, which specialized in antique books, first in Hartford, then Collinsville, then Litchfield. Recently he was involved in the Harriet Beecher Stowe Restoration Project in Litchfield. His wife, three sons, two daughters, four grandchildren, and a brother survive.

'49 William Gray Eberly, South Harpswell, ME, Nov. 12, 2003, suddenly. At 17 Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during WWII. He was commissioned as a naval officer three years later. Bill studied and trained at numerous schools and military facilities. At Wooster he belonged to First Section and majored in political science. In 1949 he married Charlotte Lord.

Bill earned a master's in secondary education in 1951 from Rutgers U and also studied at Temple U. In

the Navy he moved up the ranks to captain and served for more than 40 years, including time with the Air Intelligence Branch and with a Vietnam War-era prisoner-of-war release operation. He retired in 1985 with several honors and commendations. Bill taught high school in New Jersey and Pennsylvania for almost 30 years and also worked in insurance. He was an officer in several education and military associations.

A clock collector, Bill presided over the Maine chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) and served as the chapter's secretary for 10 years. He also was a member and former director of the New England chapter of NAWCC. In 1995 the national association honored him as a fellow.

Bill enjoyed boating in Maine, holding licenses to carry passengers and catch lobsters. He was a member and former deacon of Elijah Kellogg Congregational Church in Harpswell. His wife and brother, John '52, survive.

x'49 Charles H. Schmid, Cypress, CA, Apr. 20, 2003, of cancer. Charles studied math at the College for two years. He married Eleanor "Sara" Carlson x'49 in 1948; they later divorced. Charles fought in the Korean and Vietnam Wars in the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of captain. He graduated from Ohio State U School of Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering in 1966. He was a pilot, flight instructor, and flight engineer until 1993, when he retired as a captain. Charles enjoyed model airplanes, animal rescue, photography, amateur radio, mathematics, and astronomy. His second wife, Joanie, and several children and grandchildren survive.

'49 M. Laura Allen Singleton, Houston, TX, Feb. 4, 2002. Laura majored in psychology at the College, after transferring from Connecticut College for Women. In 1951 she obtained a master's from the Bank Street College of Education. She married Albert E. Singleton that same year. Laura taught nursery school, was active in an Episcopal church, and was a long-time Hous-

ton Audubon Society board member, fundraiser, and volunteer. The society named her an Exceptional Volunteer in 1998. Her husband, three sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, and a brother survive.

x'49 Herbert W. Willis, Camdentown, MO, Nov. 28, 2002. The son of Herb and Doris Wilson Willis, '25s, Herb belonged to Third Section and the Speech Club during his three years at Wooster. He studied speech, English, and political science. Herb earned a B.A. from Indiana U in 1952 and an M.B.A. from the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College in 1969. He married Dolores "Bette" Hollsapple in 1950. Herb worked as a credit manager and an antiques dealer before retiring in 1985. He enjoyed being outdoors, especially fishing. His wife, three sons, and a daughter survive.

'48 Anna Watts Shanor-Foye, Escondido, CA, Sept. 17, 2003. Anna majored in sociology and religion and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. She belonged to Pembroke Literary Society, Darts, and the Sociology Club. In 1970 she earned an M.S. in counseling at San Diego State U and the next year completed a program there in rehabilitation counseling. Anna worked for 20 years as a rehabilitation counselor for the state of California, retiring in 1989. She was named Counselor of the Year in 1988 by the state.

Anna published many articles and wrote a book, *Kindergarten, Meet Your World* (Methodist Church, 1966), with her first husband, Dick Shanor. Dick died in 1998. Anna was very involved in political, religious, and social concerns. Anna's second husband, George Foye, a son, three stepsons, a stepdaughter, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren survive.

'47 Arthur E. Palmer, former College administrative staff, see page 62.

'46 Margaret E. Douglass, Chicago, IL, July 12, 2003, of a heart attack. Margaret majored in psychology at Wooster, where she belonged

to Peanuts and the Psychology Club. She began working with youth in Chicago settlement houses right after graduation. Margaret completed an M.S.W. at the U of Illinois and joined Chicago Commons, a social service organization founded as a settlement house.

She soon began 40 years of dedicated service at Emerson House, a social services center of Chicago Commons in the West Town neighborhood. Named its director in 1983, Margaret was "the glue" that held the place together, colleagues say, the one people contacted with their problems. About 10 years ago, she established a college scholarship fund for needy children with Chicago Commons.

After retiring, she became a liaison for the elderly in Chicago's First Ward office, getting senior citizens registered to vote. In 2001 she was inducted into the Chicago Senior Citizen Hall of Fame.

Margaret was "steadfast" in dealing with the problems of family members as well as employees. But she set aside Sunday afternoons to enjoy Chicago Bulls or Bears games. Margaret's sister, three nieces, including Anne Douglass Brant '84, a nephew, James R. Douglass '77, and several great-nieces and -nephews survive.

'45 Virginia Wach Swift, Gahanna, Ohio, Oct. 10, 2003, suddenly. Ginny majored in sociology and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. She belonged to the Art and Sociology Clubs and Spuds and served as head resident at Scot Cottage. She married Donald D. Swift in 1948. Ginny enjoyed musical and artistic endeavors at Wooster and throughout her life, playing the piano, watercolor painting, and writing children's stories. She attended Princeton Theological Seminary, taught English and mythology at Gahanna Lincoln High School, and did free-lance editing.

Ginny also worked beside Don in his pastoral ministry in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio. Her husband, a son, a daughter, seven grandchildren, including Rachel Smith '03, and a great-grandson survive. A sister and a granddaughter died previously.

The family requests gifts to The College of Wooster Student Scholarship Fund.

x'44 Louise F. Remesch Becker, Cochran, PA, Sept. 30, 2001. Louise took secretarial training at Dyke and Spencerian Colleges. In 1943 she married Donald Becker; they had two daughters and a son. Louise enjoyed raising English Springer Spaniels and serving as a Welcome Wagon hostess for Franklin, PA. Don died in 1999.

'44 Shirley Clark Neuhoﬀ, St. Louis, MO, Mar. 16, 2002. Shirley married Paul Neuhoﬀ in 1953; they had three children. Shirley worked for Monsanto Chemical Co.

'43 R. Dean Cope Jr., Fort Wayne, IN, Oct. 10, 2002. Dean majored in philosophy and belonged to Ninth Section and the Philosophy Club. He graduated with departmental honors. Dean married Mary Louise Renck in 1945 and graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary the next year with an M.Div. The couple had two children.

Dean taught philosophy at the College for a year and then moved to Indiana, where he served as the pastor of Bluffton Presbyterian Church until 1953. He later moved to Fort Wayne where he was the pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church until 1983, when he retired as pastor emeritus. Dean then was an interim pastor for several churches. He served on committees of both presbytery and synod and was the moderator/clerk of Wabash River Presbytery. Dean enjoyed photography, gem polishing, and woodworking.

'43 Jeanne Mayer Uher, Wooster, Dec. 5, 2003. Jeanne played in the band and majored in chemistry. In 1946 she married William Uher. Jeanne worked as a chemist at Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. during WWII and later was a chemist at Gold Star Feeds. She taught school in Creston and Shreve, Ohio. Jeanne was very involved in Trinity United Church of Christ and belonged to the Ohio Education Association and a bridge club. Two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, a sister, and

three brothers survive. Her husband and a granddaughter died previously.

'42 Eleanor Rogers DeBolt, Richmond, VA, Dec. 2, 2003, after a long illness. This English major belonged to Peanuts and a private social group, the Guttersnipes (of whom only three of the original nine survive). She married Warren DeBolt '41 in 1942.

As a full-time homemaker, when asked if she worked, Eleanor always replied, "My job is raising children." Her husband says, "At that she did an outstanding and enviable job."

The family lived in Point Pleasant, WV, and Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, before moving to Dover, DE, where they lived for 40 years. They relocated to Richmond in retirement.

Eleanor loved Wooster and was last on campus for her 50th reunion. In addition to Warren, a sister and a brother, two sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild survive.

'41 Elizabeth Woodward Reger, Hightstown, NJ, July 30, 2003. Betty belonged to the Fortnightly Music and Classics Clubs, sang in the choir, and was elected to the French and Classics honorary fraternities. She majored in Latin and music and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. She did drafting for Bell Labs and then worked as an assistant buyer at L. Bamberger and Co.

In 1953 Betty married William Reger; they had two sons. Betty served as church treasurer and sang in the choir. Bill died in 1999.

'41 Dorothy Allison Withington, Richfield, Ohio, Nov. 23, 2003. Dorothy was a member of the French Club and majored in English and French. In 1943 she married Darrell Withington. While he was in the military, Dorothy taught school. After WWII the couple moved from Pennsylvania to northeast Ohio. Dorothy worked in micrographics for Republic Steel and was active in community affairs. Her husband died previously. A son, a daughter, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren survive.

'40 Ruth L. Ihrig, Wooster, Nov. 15, 2003. A member of the Women's Glee Club and Fortnightly Music Club at the College, Ruth majored in music with an emphasis on the violin. In 1949 she started working for the department of music at Columbia U in NYC, retiring in 1988 as the department administrator. She received the Adele Mendelson Citation in 1976 for her contributions to Columbia. In retirement Ruth lived for a time in Alexandria, VA, before moving to Wooster. Nieces and nephews survive.

A memorial concert featuring College music professors Brian Dykstra, Gertrude Rowe, and Lin He was held in February in Wooster. Memorial contributions may be made to the music department at The College of Wooster or Columbia U.

'40 J. Lucas Thompson, Orange City, FL, May 30, 2002. An English and speech major, Luke (known to classmates as "Joe") wrote for *The Voice*, participated on the debate team, played soccer, worked as a stagehand for dramatic productions, and belonged to the International Relations and Chaucer Clubs. He entered the U.S. Army during WWII, attaining the rank of corporal. He helped write the history of the Eighth Air Force before leaving the military in 1946. Luke earned an M.A. at the U of Chicago and a B.S. at Kent State U.

Luke was a district supervisor for the Ohio State Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. His work garnered several awards. He served on the boards of Goodwill Industries in Lima, Ohio, and the Allen County Tuberculosis and Health Association, in addition to other professional and civic activities. Luke and his wife, Audrey Doulton Thompson, retired to Florida in 1978. They enjoyed dancing, playing bridge, and traveling. Audrey and a brother survive.

x'40 Mary Palmer Wallace, Mansfield, Ohio, Oct. 17, 2003. Mary spent three years at Wooster before transferring to Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland to train as a lab technician. She married Richard Wallace '41 in 1941; they moved to Mansfield in 1953. Mary served as an

elder, deacon, and president of the women's association of First Presbyterian Church. She belonged to Agnes Paulsen Garden Club and volunteered at Richland Pregnancy Center. Two daughters, two sons, including W. Bruce '72, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren survive. Her husband died previously.

'39 Rebecca Shively Bright, Hudson, Ohio, Oct. 26, 2003. A member of Sphinx, Rebecca majored in music and presided over the Girl's Glee Club during her senior year. She worked as a stenographer in Cleveland before marrying Charles Bright Jr. in 1942. She then joined the staff of the alumni office at Oberlin College, where Charles was finishing seminary. After years as a devoted mother and helpmate to her husband in his pastoral assignments, Rebecca returned to the paid workforce in the mid-70s as an ophthalmologist's assistant. She loved her work and retired almost 20 years later.

For 30 years Rebecca volunteered at a large suburban Cleveland hospital, at times presiding over the board of volunteers and managing the emergency room volunteer staff. Until a few years ago, she sang in a community chorus or church choir. She also served on the Women's Committee of the Cleveland Orchestra. Rebecca was an avid golfer, learning the game at Wooster when the course consisted of merely three holes. She most recently lived in the Laurel Lake Retirement Community. Her husband, two daughters, including Barbara x'75, and a granddaughter survive.

'39 William W. Kridler, Fremont, Ohio, Oct. 22, 2003. An English major, he presided over Sixth Section, played freshman football and intramural sports, and belonged to Student Senate. In 1941 Bill joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the *U.S.S. Hoggat Bay* in the Pacific. Upon his return, he entered Western Reserve U Law School and earned a degree in law. He passed the bar in 1948.

Bill practiced law in Fremont for the next 51 years. He presided over

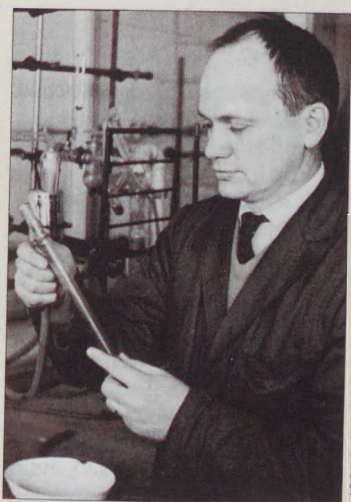
In Memory: John D. Reinheimer, Chemistry, Emeritus

John D. Reinheimer, Benjamin S. Brown Professor of Chemistry emeritus, died on December 26, 2003, following an accident near his home in Wooster. John was born in 1920 in Springfield, Ohio. In 1944 he married Phyllis Nelson; their five children are Mary Susan Judd, Ruthann Pederson, Joseph Peter II, Sally Hofstetter, and Dottie Ridenour. Sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive.

John's higher education was sandwiched around his naval service in World War II on the U.S.S. *Wabash*. He earned a B.A. in 1942 from Kenyon College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and an M.A. (1944) and Ph.D. (1949) from Johns Hopkins University.

John taught at Wooster from 1948 to 1985 and was extremely active in the community. For example, he served on the Fair Housing Board, advocated for civil rights, and helped to renovate a dilapidated house for a homeless family. John had a wide set of other interests: He was a competent dairy farmer for a decade or so, he played volleyball tenaciously, and he enthusiastically read on a broad range of topics, often sharing what he had read in detail and with critical commentary.

A memorable teacher, John believed in making students think for themselves. He was especially fond of homey analogies, which often stuck with students longer than something more esoteric. He liked to cut to the heart of the matter; one of his favorite expressions was "in a nutshell." His occasional stern lectures on contemporary morals contrasted vividly with the usual twinkle in his eyes and his ready smile. He enjoyed doing demonstrations in front of a class but often warned younger colleagues that, because there was



John Reinheimer at work

always the chance for a spectacular failure, it was far better to be "a historian than a prophet."

From the earliest days of Independent Study, John saw more clearly than almost anyone else in the natural sciences how the program could mutually benefit the student, faculty member, department, and College. A series of students did productive research with John. He mentored many who went on to successful careers in science.

John's own research went through two major changes. He successfully converted himself from a synthetic to a mechanistic organic chemist and then later into a specialist in nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR). The overall quality and influence of his work were made evident in a seminar by an outside speaker after John's retirement. The speaker cited two key articles, published almost two decades earlier. Both had been written by John, with his students as co-authors.

During the 1959-60 academic year, John supervised the first renovation of Severance Hall. Working between the often conflicting prior-

ities of his colleagues and the building workers, John kept everyone pulling together. Later renovations on campus used Severance as a model; faculty from other institutions visited to get ideas for their own situations.

John was very successful in obtaining grants to support his research and departmental efforts. He was instrumental in creating the department's summer research program, a fine extension of I.S. For a National Science Foundation program, John wrote proposals enabling high school chemistry teachers to do summer research with Wooster faculty. He also was a key player in obtaining an NSF grant to fund the purchase of an NMR spectrometer, among the first to be installed at a liberal arts college.

Early in John's career, Bill Kieffer '36 (chemistry) and Harry Lewis of the Paper Institute at Appleton, Wisconsin, conceived of a conference on undergraduate research at predominantly undergraduate institutions. John played a major role in organizing the event. Held in Severance in 1959, it was a resounding success. Colleagues at other institutions often referred with awe to the far-reaching effects of the Wooster Conference.

With a clear-eyed view of himself and his work, John called them as he saw them. Questioned about some results in an article that contradicted John's earlier published results, he replied tersely, "I'm right. I analyzed my product; he didn't." While we all miss John, each for different reasons, his legacy lives on in his family and the students he taught at The College of Wooster.

—L. W. Haynes, D. L. Powell,
T. R. Williams, chemistry, emeriti

play doctor for Broadway and off-Broadway shows. His wife of 37 years, Brenda Martin Matthews, a daughter, and a granddaughter survive. Another daughter died previously.

'38 **W. Richard Bryan**, Sun City West, AZ, Nov. 26, 2003. A member of Third Section, Dick won awards in speech at the College and majored in speech and history. He took graduate courses at Ohio State U and the Harvard Business School and taught school in Doylestown, Ohio. He married Celia Evans Bryan '34 in 1940; she died in 1976.

Dick worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Columbus, Ohio, and later at the headquarters in Akron as the executive director of management development. For many years, as the company's public relations speaker, he was known as "the voice of Goodyear." He was elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs in 1969 after serving in a variety of offices on other levels of the organization. He also served on the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, among many other civic and professional activities. His second wife, Adele, and his daughter died previously. His son and two grandchildren survive.

x'38 **Richard Rasche**, Galveston, TX, May 6, 2003. Richard attended the College for one year. From 1943-44, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. In 1963 Richard married Marjorie Ann Jackson; they had one daughter. He earned a B.A. from Arizona State U in 1964 and an M.S. in library science from the U of Illinois. Richard worked for many years as a librarian for Southern Illinois U. He enjoyed reading, book collecting, and photography.

'37 **Robert C. Brigleb**, Parma, Ohio, Dec. 19, 2003. Bob was involved with Men's Self-government, *The Voice*, Sixth Section, and track, while majoring in economics. He married Mary Baillie '37 in 1940; they later divorced. A U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, Bob was executive vice president and general manager of Abex Corp., S. K. Wellman Division, in Bedford, Ohio, retiring in 1976.

U and the New School for Social Research. John married Maurine Zollman in 1945; she died in 1959. He taught and chaired the American studies and theatre departments of Brandeis U. The author and contributing editor of several books, John won acclaim for his writing. He also penned plays and scripts for TV shows and films and worked as a

sons, and six grandchildren survive. Two brothers died previously.

x'39 **John F. Matthews**, Rottingdean, East Sussex, United Kingdom, Sept. 16, 2003, after a long illness. John attended Wooster for two years and wrote for *The Voice*. He earned a B.A. in philosophy from the U of Cincinnati and studied at Columbia

the Birchard Public Library Board of Trustees for almost 15 years, served on the Memorial Hospital Board, and co-founded the Sandusky County YMCA. He also volunteered with Mobile Meals, a reading tutorial program, and on the ElderCollege curriculum committee at Terra Community College. His wife of 52 years, Mary Warner Kridler, two

In Memory: Arthur E. Palmer '47, former business manager

Arthur E. Palmer '47 died in Lima, Ohio, on November 25, 2003. Art belonged to Second Section, Music Club, and Student Senate at Wooster. He also played in the symphony and Scot band and participated in intramural sports. An economics major, he was Student Senate president during his senior year. Art served in the U.S. Army in Europe during WWII, earning five campaign stars, the Bronze Star, and a sharpshooter medal.

Art married Rosemary Pierce in 1949. In 1953 he earned an M.B.A. in industrial relations from New York University, while working for New Jersey Bell Telephone Company.

Art served as director of administrative services and business manager of the College from 1957 to 1979, with overall responsibility for the College plant, all services, and all non-academic personnel. He was heavily involved in campus planning and development and in the design and renovation of several buildings. Art actively participated in numerous professional associations.

Following his retirement from the College, he obtained a nursing home administrator's license and served at the Lima Convalescent Home from 1979 to 1987, then at the Allen County Care Center, and finally at Colonial Nursing Home in Rockford, Ohio. Art won several honors for his many civic activities. He was an ordained deacon and elder in the Presbyterian church, most recently serving on the session of the Market Street Presbyterian Church in Lima. He loved gardening, travel, and music. His wife, a son, a daughter, five grandchildren, and a sister survive.

He took his five-year stint as class secretary very seriously and kept in close contact with many Wooster friends. Family members asked that memorials be sent to The College of Wooster Class of 1937 Scholarship Fund. Bob's wife of 36 years, Verne Rotterman Henley Brigleb, survives, along with his son and two daughters, stepson William Henley '73, three stepdaughters, 17 grandchildren, including Kate Henley '05, and 10 great-grandchildren.

'36 William J. Goodwin, Meredith, NH, Oct. 3, 2003. Bill majored in physics and mathematics at the College. Four years after graduation, he joined Bakerlite Corp., now Union Carbide, as a physicist. Bill also taught at Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA. After he moved to Basking Ridge, NJ, he became very active with the Quakers. Bill had resided in Center Sandwich, NH, since 1975. An avid gardener, he supplied friends with plenty of fresh vegetables. His wife of 63 years, Margaret Norcross Goodwin, a son, a daughter, a grandson, a great-grandson, and a sister, Beatrice Goodwin Kurfis x'39, survive. Another sister, Martha '37, died previously.

'36 Ruth "Genevieve" Marsh Seese, Wooster, Dec. 22, 2003. Known as "Ruth" in college, Genevieve majored in mathematics and was involved in the Classical Club and YWCA. She taught high school in Geneva, Ohio, from 1936-39, when she married Paul A. Seese '36. The couple lived in Maryland for a few years before settling in Cleveland, Ohio. Paul died in 1975.

Genevieve moved to Wooster in the 1980s. She wrote six short plays for children, taught storytelling, and volunteered for many civic groups. Genevieve belonged to and taught Sunday school at the Church of the Savior in Cleveland Heights, which dedicated the Genevieve Seese Library in 1996.

Genevieve dearly loved and actively promoted the College. She served as class secretary for 27 years and as vice president of the Alumni Association (1959-61) and participated in every fund drive since 1936. She also hosted Sunday night suppers, bringing together Wooster alums and prospective students. In 1983 the College honored her devotion with the John D. McKee Alumni Volunteer Award. Her family asks that memorial contributions be made to The College of Wooster Alumni Association. Two sons,

including Richard '62, and two grandchildren survive. Her brother, Robert Marsh '42, died previously.

x'36 Mary Lou Tonks Shaw, Canton, Ohio, Nov. 27, 2003, after an extended illness. Mary Lou attended Wooster for three years and married Donald Shaw in 1939. A long-time welfare caseworker for Stark County (Ohio), Mary Lou retired in 1976 as assistant supervisor. She was a devoted member of the Church of the Savior United Methodist Church for many years. Two daughters and three grandchildren survive. Donald died in 1992.

'35 Dorothy Klemer Carson, Fremont, CA, Feb. 22, 2002. Dorothy majored in English and married George B. Carson Jr. '35 in 1936. She worked as an editorial assistant at the Forest Research Laboratory of Oregon State U. Dorothy earned an M.A. at Oregon State in 1970. She presided over the League of Women Voters in Corvallis, OR, and served on the board of the Corvallis and Benton County Public Library. George died in 1983. Their daughter and two sons survive.

x'34 Leona Anderson Bower, Walnut Creek, Ohio, Nov. 2, 2003. Leona married George Bower in 1932. She graduated from Ashland U in 1971. A retired elementary school teacher, Leona belonged to Millersburg Christian Church, Nashville Grange, Order of the Eastern Star, and other organizations. She was a long-time volunteer at Pomerene Hospital in Millersburg. Four daughters, 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and two sisters survive. Her husband, oldest daughter, and two brothers preceded her in death.

x'34 Lois Throop Johnson, Van Wert, Ohio, July 28, 2003. Born in Schou, China, Lois was the daughter of missionaries. After her family settled in Ohio, she attended the College and Ohio State U, from which she earned a B.S. Lois did graduate study at Wright State U. In 1943 she married James P. Johnson. Lois taught high school English, French, and Latin for 33 years.

A long-term member of First Presbyterian Church, she served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, and women's circle leader. Lois also belonged to the Retired Teachers Association and the Order of the Eastern Star and volunteered at the Van Wert Hospital. In 1977 she was named honored citizen of Ohio City. Her husband survives. A daughter and three brothers died previously.

'34 J. Heydon Lampe, Lakeland, FL, Nov. 14, 2003. Heydon majored in English and history. In 1938 he earned a B.D. from McCormick Theological Seminary and married Mary Niesadt. He was the pastor of several churches in Pennsylvania and served as a Navy chaplain for 23 years, stationed in many parts of the world. Heydon also volunteered with the Red Cross. Three sons and two daughters survive. Mary died in 1998; a sister, Cordelia Lampe Dennis x'37, died in 1989.

x'34 Dorothy Knight Peterson, Bremen, Ohio, Mar. 3, 2001. Dorothy attended the College for three years, where she played volleyball, belonged to Franklin and the dance team, and was a May Queen attendant. She married James Peterson in 1934. A retired bookkeeper, Dorothy kept in contact with many classmates and attended several alumni events.

x'34 Ruth Sutton St. Clair, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Feb. 4, 2003. In 1931 Ruth married H. Lee St. Clair, who died in 1979. For 10 years, Ruth worked as dietary aide at St. Joseph Hospital. She was active at Second Christian Church in Warren, Ohio, where she lived for 52 years. After moving to Reynoldsburg, she attended First Presbyterian Church. A son, two daughters, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren survive. Another son, a sister, and a brother died previously.

'33 Rebecca Robbins Maus, Valparaiso, IN, Sept. 8, 2003. Becky came to Wooster from Irwin, PA. She was elected class secretary in her first year. With boundless energy, she won places on the class teams in basketball, volleyball, field hockey,

archery, and deck tennis. A history major, Becky won the Women's Athletic Association award in her senior year for sports achievements and service on the W.A.A. board.

Becky taught biology in Irwin before marrying Albert Duvall in 1937. She resumed teaching science in 1963 and took several graduate courses. Albert died in 1970. Becky retired in 1977. She married William Maus in 1980. The couple lived in Florida where Becky enjoyed golf and work with the Nature Conservancy. Bill died in 1986.

Becky moved to a retirement community in Valparaiso, IN, five years later and immersed herself in activities there. A daughter, R. Jeanne Duvall x'62, two sons, and two brothers survive. Her sister, Margaret Robbins Mitchell '25, died previously.

'32 Hilda Lindley Ellis, Pittsburgh, PA, Sept. 19, 2003. A member of Glee Club and the choir, Hilda majored in history. She earned an M.Litt. at the U of Pittsburgh in 1942 and a B.S. in library science from Western Reserve U in 1948. In 1956 Hilda married Walter Ellis. She was head librarian at Peabody High School in Pittsburgh, retiring in 1963. Hilda enjoyed traveling and hospital volunteer work.

'32 Madalene Anderton Perkins, Grand Rapids, MI, Oct. 6, 2003. Madalene majored in music and belonged to the Fortnightly and Glee Clubs and Pembroke Literary Society. An accomplished violinist, she taught both piano and violin and directed children's church choirs. She also was a talented seamstress and knitter. Two sons, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren survive. Her husband, Albert, preceded her in death.

'31 Wilma Ruth McDonough Miller, Pompano Beach, FL, June 9, 2003. Wilma Ruth majored in Latin. She married Cecil Meloy '29; he died in 1944. In 1957 she married Carl Miller; he died in 1987. Wilma Ruth taught high school in Washington, PA, for many years. She enjoyed bridge and fishing and was active in the Coronado Beach Civic Association.

tion in Florida. A daughter, a stepson, two stepdaughters, and several grandchildren survive.

x'31 Clara Bishop Skelly, Wooster, Dec. 24, 2003. Clara worked at the W. C. Annat Co. before joining the staff of the Wayne County Public Library, from which she retired after 23 years in 1974. An avid reader, she also enjoyed working in her garden, knitting, crocheting, and doing crossword puzzles. Her daughter and two grandsons survive. Another daughter, two sisters, including Lucille Bishop Linzinmeir x'25, and a brother, Bernard '37, died previously.

'30 Chauncey A. Hostetler, Bluffton, Ohio, Nov. 17, 2003. He majored in mathematics and graduated from the U of Pittsburgh with an M.Ed. in 1939. Chauncey married Ellen Krabill x'32 in 1934; she died in 1990. He taught math for 20 years, was assistant principal for six years at Struthers (Ohio) High School, and served on the Struthers school board. He also was a Nationwide Insurance agent for 39 years.

Chauncey had been active at North Lima Mennonite Church and helped establish Harmony Village in Columbiana, Ohio. After moving to Bluffton, he joined First Mennonite Church. Croquet was one of his favorite pastimes. Three sons, a daughter, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, three sisters, and four brothers survive. Another brother died previously.

'30 Bernice Rees Snively, Willoughby, Ohio, Nov. 17, 2003. Bernice majored in Spanish and was elected to the Spanish honorary, Sigma Delta Pi. She also was on the YWCA cabinet and worked in the dormitory. Soon after graduation, she and a group of 18 Wooster friends started a round-robin letter that they kept going for 65 years.

Bernice married Lloyd M. Snively '28 in 1933; the couple lived in Massillon, Ohio. Bernice taught elementary school and was active in Central Presbyterian Church for over 50 years. During the 1940s-50s she was involved in the Girl Scouts and served as president of the

Massillon Girl Scout Council. She also served on the Massillon Heritage board. She enjoyed playing bridge, reading, and traveling. Bernice served with Tom Mills '30 as class secretary for a number of years.

Lloyd died in 1987, and Bernice moved to Breckenridge Village in Willoughby seven years later. Surviving are her daughter, Martha Snively Hendrickson x'61, a son, and a granddaughter.

'28 Louise Irwin Kittredge Clark, Queensbury, NY, Sept. 19, 2003, of lung disease. An education major, this Toledo, Ohio, native participated in the Women's Glee Club, Women's Self-Government, YWCA, choir, and Pembroke Literary Society. She taught high school before marrying William Kittredge '28 in 1930. Louise was active in Scouts and PTA and taught Sunday school when her children were young. She also volunteered for the League of Women Voters and Planned Parenthood. Bill died in 1969. Louise moved from Maryland to New York State to be closer to her children. She enjoyed several trips to Europe and Hawaii. In 1974 she married Hiram Clark.

Louise attended 11 out of 13 class reunions. She was greatly looking forward to her 75th, but ill health prevented her from attending. Louise served as class secretary for

many years and continued to gather news after leaving the post a few years ago. In the last two years, she wrote, produced, and directed a number of skits at her senior community. She began playing bridge as a young woman and enjoyed the game until a week before her death.

Two daughters, including Nancy Kittredge Geiser '56, two sons, 12 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren survive. Her second husband, two sisters, Josephine Irwin Hatfield x'39 and Abigail Irwin Eshelman '38, a brother, and a grandson died previously.

'27 Bernard A. Mazurie, Willoughby, Ohio, Nov. 9, 2003, at 100 years of age. A member of Second Section, Bernie majored in English and economics. He also played in the band and was manager of the track team. He married Arnetta Striegel in 1930. Bernie earned a degree in accounting in 1934 and worked in public and industrial accounting before turning to engineering. He was a tool and machine designer for National Acme Co. until he retired in 1971.

A golfer, he also collected stamps and coins. A son, three grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren survive. Arnetta and Bernie's second wife, Eleanor Herold Mazurie, died previously, as did three brothers.

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Family History



The winners are...(back row) Betty Cowles Sprenkle, Nancy McKee, Annelu Hutson Weitzel; (front) Mel Snyder McDonald, Joyce Jarman Little, and Suzanne Twineham Hammer, all Class of 1948.

Ode to a (steady) high-carb diet

Mel Snyder McDonald '48, now of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, found this Voice clip about a lighthearted contest. She remembers, "It was an interesting time to be a Woosterian.... Because of the war, food supplies were quirky."

IT IS A DARK AND eerie night, the eve of October the twenty-second, 1944. A thin green moon casts slivers of light upon a band of chanting singers. They sit huddled about a weird figure who waves her arms frantically to and fro, carrying their voices with her motion. Suddenly the singing stops — three stately gentlemen (adv't.) enter the group. The first is blonde and bears a striking resemblance to — Dr. FERM, of all people! The second has a flowing mane and wears a sign on his back — "Johnston is YOUR man"! The third gentleman enters with a cautious glance and stealthily doffs his hat to reveal a shining p— er — ProFESSor Moore! The three judges (for so they are) descend to their thrones on the lowest lib

steps and then the ceremony begins.

The first group, the tribe of Hooverites, arises and begins their song. It has a strange, lilting rhythm which catches the fancy of the stoney-eyed judges and sets rows of toes a-tapping. The chorus, especially, seems to strike a chord in the hearts of the other tribesmen. They laugh and clap and strain to hear the song:

They call this a co-ed college,
But you'll have to prove it to me,
'Cause there are plenty of skirts in view,
we note,
But hardly a man we see.

Potatoes, tomatoes, and ice cream
Make up our daily fare.
We really aren't complaining,
But there's room for improvement
there.

The year goes by, our knowledge grows,
And at last our chances arrive

To make the humble freshmen kneel
To us in forty-five.

The half-way mark now safely passed,
We start in our junior year
With eager plans for hazing sophs —
We soon make murder our career.

Lordly Seniors now are we —
And here at last we rate.
We wish that we could start again.
Signed the Class of '48.

And so you hear us moan and groan
But it's really just in fun,
For of all the schools in the world
For us there's only one.

We'll never forget your friendly smiles,
Of those years we will always dream;
But there are still some things that we
can't stand —
POTATOES, TOMATOES, and ICE
CREAM.

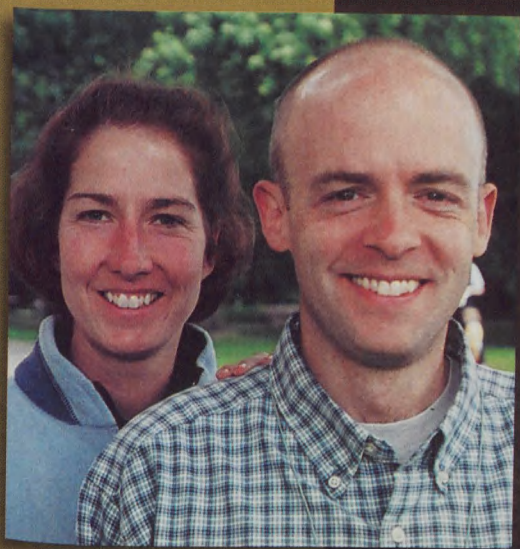
— *The Voice*, October 26, 1944



Ron Price '53



Erin Toohey '07



Kathleen Dolan '90
Andy Heath '88

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